



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

Grand Knight - Joe Farley
 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, September 11

9:00 am For the Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, September 12

The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:00 am Jerry Hartman, requested by Caroline Reber

Wednesday, September 13

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 am Leslie Moseley, requested by Lisa Wood

Thursday, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 am Corey J. Zahand

Friday, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 am Jonna Richard, requested by Marge Collins

9:30 am (School Mass) Mother's Day Intentions

Sunday, September 17

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm Frank Bastek, requested by Pat and Stasia Baker

Sunday

8:00 am For the Intentions of Larry and Joanne Shuman on their 35th Wedding Anniversary

9:45 am Living and Deceased Parishioners

11:30 am Deceased of the Crimaldi Family, requested by Chris and Nancee Cinelli

SANCTUARY LAMP & CANDLE INTENTIONS Week of September 10, 2023

Sanctuary Lamp in Church: In Memory of Sr. Mary Erasma Smolinski, OSF. **Sanctuary Candle in Chapel:** In Memory of Joan Williams requested by Pat and Stasia Baker. **St. Joseph Candles:** In Memory of Jerry Hartman requested by Julie and Stephanie, In Memory of Richard E. Readdy requested by his daughter, Cathie Wiencek. **Blessed Mother Candles:** In Memory of Joan Williams requested by Pat and Stasia Baker; for the intentions of David Zahand. **Holy Guardian Angels Candles:** For A Special Intention requested by Joan Schaffer. **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.**



Padre's Pique The Major Elevation

During the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass, the priest lifts up the host as he pronounces the words of consecration. "This is my Body, which will be given up for you." He then raises the chalice as he says, "This is the chalice of my Blood...do this in memory of me."

This moment in the Mass is called the major elevation. When the priest elevates the host, it is no longer just bread, but is truly the Body of Christ. And in that chalice is no longer just wine, but truly the Blood of Christ. It should be an awe-filled moment for all who witness this great miracle and mystery.

In John 8:28, Jesus said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM." When the priest lifts up the host and the chalice, we must realize that we are gazing upon the Author of Life, the Alpha and the Omega, the great I AM, the very God who created us!

This is a moment of utmost reverence for Catholics. Many people will bow their heads or say a brief prayer. After each elevation, the priest will genuflect out of reverence to the true presence of Christ. Upon each elevation, many parishes will ring bells. The purpose of the bells is to honor Jesus our King, and to snap us to attention; to remind the congregation of the magnitude of what is happening right before our very eyes – Jesus is here! The Bridegroom has come! Stay awake!

FOR FURTHER STUDY: John 8:28 & John 3:14-15.



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, Vincent La Fata, 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, Carol Semanchick, John Gaetani, Kirsten Snyder, Robert Brannon, Kevin Krotulski, Jennifer Toplak-Sedlacek, George Helms, Giada Caruso, Elaine Egan, Sharon Witman, William Ondich, Marie Scholl, Gene Toplak, Kathy Helms, Dennis Dautrich, Olivia Clark, Joyce Kozlowski. Names will remain on the list for one month.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, September 10 - Confession 7:15, 9:20, and 11:05 am; Mass 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 am; PREP 8:15 am; SVDP at Kennedy House 10:00 am; Stewardship Fair after all Masses; Doors Open for Bingo 12:30 pm, 1st Game Called at 2:00 pm; CYO Basketball Game 1:00 pm; BSA Troop 161 Committee Meeting

Monday, September 11 - Mass 8:00 am; Girl Scouts Mtg. 6:30 pm; Red, White & Blue Mass 6:30 pm

Tuesday, September 12 - Mass 8:00 am; CYO Volleyball Practice 4:00 pm; CYO Cross Country Practice 6:00 pm; Home & School Meeting 6:00 pm; RCIA Information Night 6:30 pm

Wednesday, September 13 - Mass 8:00 am; followed by Adoration until 6:00 pm with Benediction; Confessions 8:30 am and 5:15 pm; Mass Book Opening 9:00 am; Senior Club Meeting 1:00 pm; Rosary Rally 5:30 pm; Back to School Night 6:00 pm

Thursday, September 14 - 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, September 15 - Mass 8:00 am; School Mass 9:30 am

Saturday, September 16 - HGA Regional School Purse Bingo 11:00 am; Confession 4:15 pm; Vigil Mass (Live-Streamed) 5:00 pm

Sunday, September 17 - Catechetical Sunday; Confession 7:15, 9:20, and 11:05 am; Mass 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 am; PREP 8:15 am; St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 12:45 pm; Doors open for BINGO 12:30 pm & 1st game called at 2:00 pm; BSA Troop 161 Committee Meeting 6:30 pm

HOLY ROSARY'S 10TH ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER Oct. 11th @ Victor Emmanuel II from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Don't miss out on a delicious meal while helping Holy Rosary Church. Everyone invited to attend. Take-Out will be available. Enjoy a great Italian dinner without doing the work. Dinner includes: Spaghetti and Meatballs, Salad, Bread and Butter. Cash Bar, Homemade Baked Goods Sale. Tickets prices are \$12.00 for all. Call Christine Lichman at 610-334-1208 or Holy Rosary at 610-373-5579.



Angel Earnings News

Special Order Date: September 10th

Orders must be received by 12:30 pm and will be available for pick up on Thursday afternoon after the Order Date and then before/after Masses that weekend.

Wendy's is back in stock and even better - now available in \$25 gift cards!

Back-to-school season is here! Use gift cards for all things fall - last-minute shopping trips, chilly fall evenings, and the start of new routines.

HGA has partnered with RaiseRight to make purchasing gift cards even easier. Use the RaiseRight App to purchase gift cards on the go or standing in line waiting to check out!

Scan the QR code to download the app and start saving today!

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. 2016 or email amalinowski@hgaparish.com.



The Flowers at the Ambo, the Blessed Mother's Altar, and Floral Rosary are in Memory of Jerry Hartman, requested by Stephanie and Julie Hartman.

SERVER/LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 16-17

*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	Lia Martina Laceda Mikaela Schmeck Meredith Swavely	Libby Huston William Johns Sophia Lezette	Dominic Delgado Dane Prechtl Vincent Tartaglia	Carlos Flood Collin Kroenig Evan Kroenig
Lector	Sister Mary Ann	Beth Slater	Cathy Douglas	Marianne Hertzog
EM	Lillian Hart Denise LeVan	George Lehman Frank Ligenza	Diane Collins Cathie Wiencek	Diane Choiniere Martha Weida



Monday: Col 1:24 - 2:3; Luke 6: 6-11
 Tuesday: Col 2: 6-15; Luke 6: 12-19 The Most Holy Name of Mary
 Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26 St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Thursday: Num 21: 4b-9; Phil 2: 6 -11; Jn 3:13-17 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 Friday: 1 Tm 1: 1-2, 12-14; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2: 33-35 Our Lady of Sorrows
 Saturday: 1 Tm 1: 15-17; Lk 6: 43- 49 Sts. Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
 Sunday: Sir 27:30--- 28-7; Rom 14: 7-9; Mt 18: 21-35

STOCK THE SHELVES - Giving Hope to Those in Need.

How it works: Each month, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will provide a "shopping list" of requested items by a specific organization. Tote bags and lists are available at all church entrances. Take a list and tote bag, purchase the items requested, and return the tote of donated items to the base of those stands before or after all weekend masses. The outside collection bin is available 24/7, located behind the Chapel. Special envelopes are available on the tote bag stands for monetary and gift card donations. These envelopes can be returned to the rectory or placed in the stewardship baskets at mass. **The SEPTEMBER collection is for snacks for kids & soup kitchen lunches** - benefitting school health offices, LIFE House Reading, and New Journey Outreach.



LAST WEEK *Collection* ©JPPC

STEWARDSHIP	SEPTEMBER 3
WEEKLY	\$11,584.00
LOOSE	\$661.00
CANDLES	\$105.00
MORTGAGE	\$46.00
EMERGENCY	\$763.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$2,424.00
OTHER	\$190.00
TOTAL	\$15,773.00



The next Knights of Columbus Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 20th, at 7:00 pm in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room.

Vendor Applications are now being accepted for the 2023 HGA Christmas Craft Bazaar! The Bazaar will be on Saturday, December 2, 2023. More an application or more details and information, email hgacrafts@hgaparish.com.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson Ezekiel 33: 7-9; Romans 13: 8-10; Matthew 18: 15-20

"Word Trivia," is a favorite website of mine. I suppose that the former English teacher in me surfaces now and then. At any rate, the word chosen for an early July day happened to be: "vexatious." The definition given for this adjective was "annoying and frustrating." That led me to apply the word to one of our Christian obligations of fraternal correction. You know what that is. To correct someone, usually a friend or family member, who has made a bad choice and is on the slippery slope to disaster.

We learn from the First Reading that Ezekiel the prophet, as the divinely appointed watchman over Israel, had to preach this obligation to Israel. It could not have been a popular pronouncement, there was an urgency at hand because the powerful kingdom of Babylon was breathing down Jerusalem's neck.

St. Paul echoes the call. But it the Gospel tells us of God's p elaborate three step procedure for handling the matter. It starts with a caring one-on-one conversation between the parties, and if that does not work, then present it to the community of the Church. If even that fails, then dismiss the offender in his chosen pursuit. Not a happy result.

But the "good news" that this gospel conveys is that short but very sweet promise of Jesus that when 2 or 3 of us gather in His name for matters like prayer, or decision-making, or change of lifestyle, He will be in our midst.

We Catholic Christians know that Christ has all the answers we need. But His presence adds strength to our purpose. Even to the demanding task of fraternal correction, He adds His insight and power. But, as always, we have to maintain a sense of truth and unselfishness. We can never stoop to the level of a certain senior citizen I read about. It seems this certain old man was strolling on the beach when he came upon a magic lamp. He picked it up, dusted it off, when suddenly a genie appeared. "Because you have freed me," the genie said, "I will grant you a wish." The startled old man though for a few moments and then responded, "My brother and I had a fight some thirty years ago, and he hasn't spoken to me since. I wish that he will finally forgive me."

There was a thunderclap and the genie declared, "your wish has been granted. But then the genie continued, "You know, most people would have asked for wealth or fame. But you only wanted the love of your brother. Is that because you are dying?" "No way!" the man answered. "But my brother is dying and he's worth about \$60 million."



HGA Regional School Families, please mark your calendars:

- Tues., Sept. 12 6:00 pm - Home & School Association General Meeting
- Wed., Sept. 13 at 6:00 pm - Meet the Teacher Night (Grades 1-8)
- Thur., Sept. 14 - Cougar Card Pre-Sale Orders Due
- Sat., Sept. 16 - HSA Designer Bag Bingo, Doors open at 11:00 am, Bingo begins at 12:00 pm.
- Mon., Sept. 18 - School Picture Day (in uniform)
- Wed., Sept. 20 - Early Dismissal (no lunch served, no after-care)

HGA Regional School students' Fall Service Project will support the Animal Rescue League and Humane Society of Berks County. Our collection will run from Mon., Sept. 18- Fri., Oct. 6, 2023. Thank you in advance for supporting our animal pals!

We can't wait to kick off our biggest fundraiser of the year: **HGA Regional School Danceathon!** Our goal is to raise \$35,000 for financial aid, teacher materials, and student safety and enrichment. Every donation helps. More information to come soon!

Please support our first Dine Out Event of the new school year! Visit Panera Bread (Muhlenberg 5th Street Highway Location) on Wednesday, September 27 from 4-8p.m. and a portion of your purchase will help our school!

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 holyguardianangelsregionalschool.square.site, call 610-929-4124, or email development@hgaschool.org to reserve your pass for \$5 today!

St. Cyril's Annual Flea Market: Saturday September 16, 2023 from 9 AM to 1 PM, 6th & Laurel Sts. Reading, PA 19602. Lots of Household Items, Furniture etc., Jewelry stand with Great Prices. Food for take out will be available.



WIN \$10,000 CASH!!

The Berks Catholic High School Extravaganza Cash Raffle tickets are now available. The drawing will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7th during the Extravaganza 2023 event. Donation \$100. To buy raffle tickets, please send your check with return address and phone number to: Berks Catholic Extravaganza, 955 E. Wyomissing Blvd., Reading, PA 19611. If you would like to receive an invitation to attend Extravaganza, please call the Extravaganza Office at 610-374-1695.

Any homebound parishioner, or family member of a homebound parishioner who would like to receive the weekly bulletin, please contact the Church Office at 610-921-2729.

What's your team's name?

Team Registration is now open!

You may register online at www.hgaparish.com or by paper

form. Forms can be printed from

the website or picked up at the Rectory. Don't wait!



Upcoming EVENTS

STEWARDSHIP FAIR
September 9 & 10

FIRST PREP CLASS
September 10

RED, WHITE & BLUE MASS
September 11

RCIA INFORMATION NIGHT
September 12

SENIOR CLUB MEETING
September 13

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
September 13

HGA SCHOOL PURSE BINGO
September 16

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING
September 17

HGA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
September 18

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING
September 20

PEN 2 PAPER MEETING
September 20

HOPE, GRACE & ADULTING
September 28

CONFIRMATION RALLY
September 30

The Diocese of Allentown, Commission for Men presents:

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of Men by Men"



DIocese of
ALLENTOWN



Msgr. Andrew
Baker

**Men's Morning Reflection
September 23rd 8AM**

St. Mary's Hamburg PA
www.MenAliveInChrist.org

The Polish American Heritage Assoc. and the Columbiettes, Light of Christ #8726, proudly present the author of "One Star Away", Imogene Salva, on Saturday, October 7th, at 5:30PM at the Reading Public Museum. It is a story of Imogene's family, who survived the WWII deportation from Poland to a Siberian labor camp. Tickets: \$10. Books available at the event for \$15. For tickets and advance book copies, contact either Marilyn Wlazewski at 610-779-5523 or marilynwla@aol.com; Chris at 610-743-5613 or cearl47@comcast.net.

SAVE THE DATE

MSC Oktoberfest

a celebration of love and service



Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

... the Heart of Christ in the world

Sunday October 8, 2023

MSC Program 1-4 / Grove open 12-5

Reading Liederkrantz

143 Spook Ln, Reading, PA 19606

Dance to the live music of the Josef Kroboth Band, enjoy a cold beer, purchase basket raffle and 50/50 tickets, eat authentic German food, and chat with the MSC Sisters!

To sponsor, volunteer, provide in-kind gifts, and reserve your tickets, visit mscreading.org or contact Carrie Whitmoyer at cwhitmoyer@mscreading.org.