

The First Sunday of Lent



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil – 4:00 pm | **Sunday** – 8:00, 9:45 & 11:30 am

Daily – Monday through Friday 8:00 am

Confessions – Saturday 3:15-3:45 pm; Sunday 7:15-7:45, 9:20-9:35, and
11:05-11:20 am; Wednesday 8:30-9:00 am & 5:15-5:45 pm

Adoration Wednesdays – 8:30 am to 6:00 pm

Office Hours – Monday-Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm & Fridays 9:00 am - 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 tchrist@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 or Fr. Hoffa..

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 Prechtel, 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

Mike Rusak, Grand Knight
 Council email: koc14847@hgaparish.com.

Wills

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.

Memorials

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.

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@allentowndioocese.org



MASS Intentions

Note that all Daily Masses Monday through Friday & the 4:00 pm Vigil Mass are livestreamed on our Facebook page.

Monday, February 19

8:00 am Holy Name Society
12:10 pm Jane Schaefer, requested by Joan Schaffer

Tuesday, February 20

8:00 am Dorothy Milco, requested by Rozanne Thompson
12:10 pm Deceased of the Pempe family, requested by the Jablonski family

Wednesday, February 21

8:00 am Mahadeo Maharay, requested by Anthony and Cindy Ramkissoo
12:10 pm George Houser, requested by Richard and Mary Ann Frank

Thursday, February 22

Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle

8:00 am Angelo and Richard Dininni, requested by Teri Hain
12:10 pm Jerry Hartman, requested by Julie Hartman

Friday, February 23

8:00 am Corinne Dougherty, requested by mother, Rosemary
12:10 pm Emma Haydock, requested by Ann Marie Novak

Sunday, February 25

Saturday Vigil
4:00 pm Deceased of the Parambo Family, requested by Deacon John Gallagher

Sunday

8:00 am Robert Christman, requested by Mariann Brown
9:45 am Edward Collins, requested by Pat and Pat Holland
11:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners

SANCTUARY LAMP & CANDLE INTENTIONS **Week of February 18, 2024**

Sanctuary Lamp in Church: In Memory of Giacomina Morganti, requested by Carla Calcagni. **Sanctuary Candle in Chapel:** Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Blessed Mother Candles:** Living and Deceased Parishioners. **St. Joseph Candles:** Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Holy Guardian Angels Candles:** In Memory of John Eksterowicz, requested by sister; 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 Piece **The Books of Samuel**

These books describe the rise and development of kingship in Israel. Samuel is a pivotal figure. He bridges the gap between the period of the Judges and the monarchy, and guides Israel's transition to kingship. A Deuteronomistic editor presents both positive and negative traditions about the monarchy, portraying it both as evidence of Israel's rejection of the Lord as their sovereign and as part of God's plan to deliver the people. Samuel's misgivings about abuse of royal power foreshadow the failures and misdeeds of Saul and David and the failures of subsequent Israelite kings.

Although the events described in 1 and 2 Samuel move from the last of the judges to the decline of David's reign and the beginning of a legendary "Golden Age" under Solomon's rule, this material does not present either a continuous history or a systematic account of this period. The author/editor developed a narrative timeline around freely composed speeches, delivered by prophets like Samuel and Nathan, who endorse Deuteronomistic perspectives regarding the establishment of the monarchy, the relationship between worship and obedience, and the divine covenant established with the house of David.

These books include independent blocks, Saul's rise to power, David's ascendancy over Saul, and the Succession Narrative, which the editor shaped into three narrative cycles. Each section focuses on a major figure in the development of the monarchy: Samuel, the reluctant king maker; Saul, the king whom the Lord rejects; and David, the king after the Lord's own heart. A common theme unites these narratives: Israel's God acts justly, prospering those who remain faithful and destroying those who reject his ways (1 Sm 2:9). The Books of Samuel become an object lesson for biblical Israel as it tries to re-establish its religious identity after the destruction of Jerusalem and the loss of its homeland.

Do you want to add a name to the Prayer List? Please call the rectory at 610-921-2729, ext. 2200 or email bulletin@hgaparish.com.



Barbara Schwartz, Pattie Mihalak, James Waldman, John Perate, Cindy Klymchuk, Daniel Bastek, Sandra Clayton, Harmony Chiccarine, Aubrielle Beidler, Barbara Coco, Kim Bonner, Mary Ann Wensus, Daneen Poticher, Lisa Wrede, Bob Desherlia, Doris Day, Jeff Strader, Joan Adams, John Gaetani, Kirsten Snyder, Robert Brannon, Jennifer Toplak-Sedlacek, Giada Caruso, Elaine Egan, Sharon Witman, William Ondich, Marie Scholl, Gene Toplak, George and Kathy Helms, Dennis Dautrich, Melissa Neff, Arlene Kunstek, Robert Keim, Irvin Lindinger, Msgr. John Grabish, Marian & Al Masi, Beverly Oudinot, Thomas Greth, Damaris Diaz, Zac Schneider, Jim Selig, Peg Devine, Anne Lazar, Linda Swavelly, Loretta Gaetani, Anne Semmel, Sadie West, Justin Shiffer, Giancarlo Diaz. Names will remain on the list for one month.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, February 18 - Confession 7:15, 9:20, and 11:05 am; Mass 8:00, 9:45, and 11:30 am; Baptism 12:30 pm; PREP 8:15 am; Heavenbound 8:15 am; BINGO! Doors open at 12:30pm, 1st Game Called at 2:00 pm

Monday, February 19 - School Closed; Mass 8:00 am, 12:10 pm; Berks Catholic Softball Practice 3:00 pm; CYO Grades 5/6 Basketball Practice 5:00 pm; Pastoral Council Meeting 5:30 pm; Spanish Marriage Prep 6:00 pm; CYO Girls Basketball Practice 6:00 pm; Girl Scouts Meeting 6:30 pm

Tuesday, February 20 - Mass 8:00 am; 12:10 pm; CYO Grades 3/4 Basketball Practice 4:00 pm; CYO Boys Basketball Practice 6:00 pm; Symbolon Part II - A Catholic Moral Vision: Virtue, Grace, & the Path to Happiness 6:30 pm; Adult Rec Basketball 7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 21 - Mass 8:00 am and 12:10 pm; Stations of the Cross 8:30 am; Adoration 8:30 am to Benediction at 6:00 pm; Confessions 8:30 am and 5:15 pm; CYO Grades 5/6 Basketball Practice 5:00 pm; CYO Girls Basketball Practice 6:00 pm; Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:00 pm; Beloved Bible Study 6:30 pm; Oremus Bible Study 6:30 pm; Pen to Paper Meeting 6:30 pm

Thursday, February 22 - Daily Mass 8:00 am & 12:10 pm; Oremus Bible Study 9:00 am; CYO Grades 4/5 Basketball Practice 4:00 pm; CYO Boys Basketball Practice 6:00 pm; Hope, Grace & Adulthood 6:30 pm; BSA Troop 161 6:30 pm; Legion of Mary 6:30 pm; Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm

Friday, February 23 - Daily Mass 8:00 am & 12:10 pm; School Mass 1:15 pm; Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm; LCCSA Meeting 8:00 pm

Saturday, February 24 - Diocesan Spanish Theology and Ministerial Program 8:00 am; CYO Developmental Basketball Game 9:30 am; Confession 3:15 pm; Vigil Mass (with Live Stream) 4:00 pm

Sunday, February 25 - Confession 7:15 am, 9:20 am, 11:05 am; Mass 8:00 am, 9:45 am; 11:30 am; Doors Open for Bingo 12:30 pm, 1st Game Called at 2:00 pm



In stock gift cards for Giant, Redner's, Weis, Sheetz, and Walmart are available for purchase after all weekend Masses in the main vestibule.

Special order date: February 18. 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.

Don't forget to order your Panera gift cards for HGA Regional School Dining Out on February 28th! E-cards are also available on the app!

Pro Tip!

Giant gift cards are available at the rectory and after mass. You can also purchase them



online – BUT be sure to select the correct card. Please select this logo when purchasing Giant gift cards online. These are the only cards that will work in our local stores.

The RaiseRight app is a great way to budget! Shop hundreds of gift cards. Find a gift card to fit any need and raise funds for your organization.

Dick's Sporting Goods ecards are available on the app – get all of your spring sports gear or treat yourself to a new pair of sneakers!

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

SERVER/LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE - FEBRUARY 24 & 25

	4:00 pm	8:00 am	9:45 am	11:30 am
Servers	Christian Hendrix Noah Hendrix Sam Moody	Collin Kroenig Evan Kroenig Sophia Lezette	Dane Prechtl Marcus Rundle Vincent Tartaglia	Matthew Glembocki Lia Martina Laceda Mikaela Schmeck
Lector	Rozanne Thompson	Tim Ferguson	Anne Carroll	Wendy Freeman
EM	Diane Choiniere Denise LeVan	Anne Marie Ferguson Frank Ligenza	Diane Collins Cathy Moyer	Kelly Glembocki (sub requested)

READINGS FOR THE
WEEK



Monday Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 Mt 16:13-19
 Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle
 Friday Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48
 Sunday Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10

*We welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism
 Sebastian Martin Michua,
 son of Edwin Michua and Veronica Zavala
 and AnnaMae Frances Rubert,
 daughter of Christopher and Edith Rubert.
 God Bless Them Both!*

LAST WEEK *Collection* ©JPPC

STEWARDSHIP	FEBRUARY 11
WEEKLY	\$12,287.00
LOOSE	\$1,013.00
CANDLES	\$425.00
EMERGENCY	\$660.00
MAINTENANCE	\$8.00
MORTGAGE	\$561.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$2,899.00
YOUTH MINISTRY	\$1,857.00
OTHER	\$356.00
TOTAL	\$20,066.00

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Each Lent we open the Sundays with the account of Our Lord entering the desert. We might naturally picture Him in the land of the ancient pyramids. Or maybe the vast stretches of sand where Lawrence of Arabia fought his epic battles. This scene, however, is not one of endless sand, with the complete absence of water and greenery. The desert mentioned here was a remote area for sure, largely soundless as opposed to the noise of villages and towns. Wild beasts were the only creatures who would lurk around Him from time to time. But mainly it was the kind of place free of the usual distractions, where a person could face his inmost thoughts, hopes and desires, as well as his faults and failures.

Here it was that Jesus went, not contending with any faults or failures, but to commune with His Father and prepare for His unique mission. We know from the other gospel accounts that Satan himself came to disturb and tempt Jesus with the same matters that often lure us into sin: wealth, power and fame, sex, and addictions of all kinds. Not only is Jesus' strength and endurance remarkable as he deals with this confrontation with the same human nature as we have. But He also does so with His divine power armored with humility and the words of the Scriptures.

St. Mark does not give us the details of this high drama. Simply a blunt statement that the Spirit "drove" Jesus to the desert, in itself a remarkable declaration. It comes across as a mandatory requirement for Jesus to begin saving the world from its sin.

Lent has ever since been symbolized in our churches by decorations that include barren growth, perhaps with cactus plants, rocks and even some sand. But more importantly, the Church wants us to go to our own "desert," whether it's at a nearby park or woods, perhaps even in our parked car, or a corner of our bedroom with a lit candle and a notebook for writing. Certainly, with the cell phone off and packed away. Certainly, a handy copy of the Bible would be helpful. Or a prayer book you favor, or your rosary. Give yourself some time to "shut down" your busy brain and grow calm. Then you can go on to "meet yourself" so to speak. But always be careful to listen to the Lord with less talk from you. In this simple way, practiced as close to a daily effort as we can, that we can learn the major truths of Lent. To be at peace with the one Person who loves you completely, enough to die for your sake on a cross. To have a focus for your Lent 2024, which, who knows? could be your last.

Eight-ninths of the bulk of an iceberg is below the waterline and out of sight. Only one-ninth is visible above the surface. Our prayer life should be like an iceberg, with about one-ninth showing in public group prayer and eight-ninths out of sight in our personal prayer time.

God love you and give you His peace.

The St. Vincent de Paul Weekly News

KENNEDY HOUSE SOUP KITCHEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Saturday, March 9 & Sunday, March 10

10:00 AM – 1:30 PM

Anyone interested in serving, please register for the day you would like to help at svdp@hgaparish.com or call 610-921-2729, Option 4 then Option 1.

STOCKING THE SHELVES Giving Hope to Those In Need

Lenten Outreach: Walk With Us! The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting much needed items for Mary's Shelter, St. Francis House, Berks Heim, St. Joseph's Food

Pantry, and Berks Connections beginning Sunday, February 18. Donations can be dropped off at the kiosks located at all church entrances.



The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Holy Guardian Angels Parish is here for you!

Our parishioners have consistently supported our efforts to address the needs of others; however, we hope and pray that parishioners in need will reach out to us so that we may be of service to them as well. Please communicate with us through the parish website or call 610-921-2729 (Option 4, then Option 1) if you are in need of food or assistance. ALL COMMUNICATIONS WILL REMAIN STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.



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Week One | Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

In the Week One video for the Restore Lent series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on the theme of the week—the desert. She explains that Jesus is inviting you to move beyond your comfort zone and into the deepest places of your heart with him. It is Jesus who helps you root out the sin, sickness, and self-hatred in your life. Sr. Miriam assures us that we can look to him for comfort, love, and healing.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



Holy Guardian Angels will be participating in a parish-wide survey! Please Read!

Holy Guardian Angels will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! We need your help!

Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey can be accessed by scanning the QR code below or visit: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/b3109b>. The survey will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Father Hoffa and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

If you prefer a paper copy you may pick up a paper copy of the survey after all weekend Masses. They will be located on the center table in the main vestibule as well as the flyer racks in the side entrances. You may also pick up a survey at the Rectory during regular business hours (Mon.-Thur. 9am-4pm & Fri. 9am-12pm). To submit the completed paper survey, please mail to or drop it off at the Rectory. You may also place your completed survey in the collection basket in an envelope marked, "Parish Survey."



If you would like to complete the survey online but do not have access to a computer, please contact Tricia Christ at 610-921-2729, ext. 2202 to set up a time to come to the rectory to complete the online survey.

Thank you for helping with this important project!



Who wants to go on Pilgrimage to Ireland in 2024?

Join Father Hoffa on a 10-day trip to Ireland from October 6-15, 2024 for \$4,999.00 including airfare from anywhere in the U.S.

**Galway • Our Lady of Knock • Cliffs of Moher
Killarney Dingle Peninsula • Dublin**

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about this trip, please contact Father Hoffa via email at ahoffa@hgaparish.com or call 610-921-2729, ext. 2205.



OPEN REGISTRATION

PreK-8th Grade

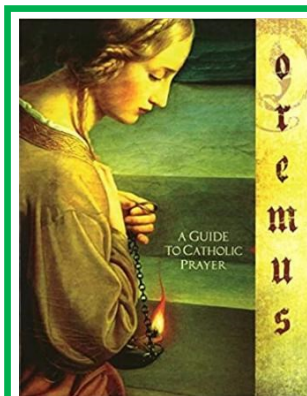
Email kelpre@hgaschool.org
<https://bit.ly/3r1tn6>

Attention Young Adults! Join us for the next gathering of Hope, Grace and Adulting on Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 6:30pm at the Rectory. Food & Drink provided by the Padre. Please RSVP to Kylie at 610-781-0384.

Pray with the Pope - February 2024, FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL



Grant, O Lord of life, That we may savor every season of our lives as a gift filled with promise for the future. Grant that we may lovingly accept your will, and place ourselves each day in your merciful hands. And when the moment of our definitive “passage” comes, grant that we may face it with serenity, without regret for what we shall leave behind. For in meeting you, after having sought you for so long, we shall find once more every authentic good which we have known here on earth, in the company of all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith and hope. Mary, Mother of pilgrim humanity, pray for us “now and at the hour of our death.” Keep us ever close to Jesus, your beloved Son and our brother, the Lord of life and glory. Amen! For more information about the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network visit www.popesprayerusa.net.



Do you find it easy to pray? Do you hear God’s voice in your daily life and know how to respond?

Please join us for this year’s Lenten Catechetical Series - Oremus, A Guide to Catholic Prayer & reinvigorate your prayer life. Learn the essentials of a Fruitful Prayer Life this Lent. Wednesday evenings at 6:30 and Thursday mornings at 9:00 am beginning on Ash Wednesday through Holy Week.

Please RSVP to Kari Mallozzi at 610-91-2729, ext. 2203 or kmallozzi@hgaparish.com.

Thank you everyone who voted for Father Hoffa in this year's Cooks with Collars contest! Over \$300,000 was raised for Catholic Charities. Holy Guardian Angels' Grand Total was: \$5,603 which will be used toward capital improvements and maintenance.



HGA Parish and the HGA Seniors are sponsoring a Bus Trip to Sight & Sound Theater to see "Daniel" on April 11, 2024. The trip is open to everyone! Cost of the trip is \$160 which includes transportation, show, and lunch. For further information, contact Rozanne Thompson at 610-406-3350.

SUNDAY BINGO at HGA
The Nicest Bingo in Town!
FEBRUARY 18, 2024

DOORS OPEN 12:30. 1ST GAME CALLED 2:00 PM

Come join us for a fun-filled afternoon of BINGO! Enjoy a fast-paced program with specials and other surprises, rip tickets, and door prizes! Food & drink is available for purchase. Player packs are \$20 & \$25. Kids play pack \$10.



The Progressive Jackpot will be \$300 in 50 numbers!



Don't forget to purchase your tickets for HGA's private showing of CABRINI, on Sunday, March 10, 2024 at 2:00 pm at the AMC Fairgrounds Theater. Tickets are \$15 each. For \$25 you will receive a ticket for the movie and a \$10 voucher for a medium popcorn/soda combo. The concession stand will be open for other snacks and drinks. Pick up a paper form at the rectory or in the flyer racks in all entrances to the church. Visit the HGA website at www.hgaparish.com to purchase online via SQUARE. You will not need a physical ticket. Movie-goers will be checked in at the door on the day of the event. Don't miss this inspiring and uplifting true story of the first North American Saint!

Please continue to keep Fr. Camilli in your prayers during his recovery. If you would like to send a note or card to Fr. Camilli, you may send it to: Sacred Heart Villa, 3300 Station Ave., Center Valley, PA 18034. Attn: Fr. E. Michael Camilli



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2024 HGA SPRING CRAFT FAIR
SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

OVER 65 VENDORS, FOOD, CASH RAFFLE,
BASKET RAFFLES, & MORE!

All vendor spots are now sold out! This year's Craft Fair will be the biggest one ever with over 65 vendors!

The Committee is accepting monetary or gift card donations to help offset the cost of the Craft Fair. Donations may be mailed to or dropped off at the Rectory or placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Spring Craft Fair." You can also scan the QR code to donate.

We are in need of volunteers and baked goods for the bake sale! If you would like to donate a homemade item for the bake sale, please email hgacrafts@hgaparish.com or call 610-921-2729, ext. 2216.





HGA will be closed for Presidents Day on Monday, February 19. We will reopen on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

The Home and School Association is hosting an HGA Family and Friends Night at the Reading Royals on Friday, March 8 at 7p.m. Our School Choir will be singing God Bless America! Tickets can be purchased at <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/hga> We hope to see you there!

Saturday, April 6 is our Home and School Association Ladies Night Out Designer Bag Bingo!

Doors open at 6pm

First Game 7pm

\$25/ticket will include 25 games

Special Games, 50/50, Raffles

21+ event

**Visit holyguardianangelsregion-alschool.square.site to purchase your tickets!
Advanced tickets only**

Come work with our amazing School Family! We are accepting applications for Daily Substitutes for Grades PreK-8th. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and all certifications and clearances via email to kelpre@hgaschool.org.

New Student Registration for the 2024-2025 school is now open! If you are interested in learning more about joining our amazing family, please email Head of School, Kelly Prechtel at kelpre@hgaschool.org to set up a tour today!

St. Peter's School graduating class of 1970 will be having a reunion on Saturday, May 4th 2024 at 6PM at GNA in West Reading. We are looking for classmates. Please pass this news along to anyone you know who may have been in this class. For more information you can contact Theresa (Kimrey) Shumard @ 484-706-4208 or Pat Maureen (Shannon) Walton @ 610-406-2647.

Upcoming EVENTS

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
February 19

PEN 2 PAPER MEETING
February 21

HOPE, GRACE & ADULTING
February 22

HGARS DINE OUT
February 28

A NIGHT OF PRAYER WITH MARK FORREST
March 1

CULTURE OF LIFE MEETING
March 7

LENTEN TAKE OUT DINNER
March 8

CABRINI MOVIE EVENT
March 10

**SPRING CRAFT FAIR
HGARS TRIVIA NIGHT**
March 16

**EASTER EGG HUNT
KOC FREE-THROW CONTEST**
March 23

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, ext. 2200.



Knight News! The next Knights of Columbus Meeting is Wednesday, February 21st at 7:00 pm (door opens at 6 pm) in the Rectory Attic. Come enjoy the Reading Royals with the Knights Saturday, March 2nd. Information online at <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Hgaknights>. Find our Community on Tabella & be a part of the conversation!

15TH ANNUAL NUN RUN

MSC Sisters
MSCreading.org



5K Fun Walk 2024

April 12, 2024! Sponsorships available - live and virtual options. Email CWhitmoyer@mscreading.org for details. Visit www.mscreading.org to register to run/walk!



You Must Register by 3/20/24 to Guarantee Your Nun Run T-shirt!

Calling all youth in grades 8-12! A perfect opportunity to earn service hours this summer at the 2024 Angel Fest, Friday, June 14 and Saturday, June 15. Contact Kari Mallozzi at 610-921-2729, ext. 2203 or email kmallozzi@hgparish.com to pick your spot now.

St. Benedict Prime Timers Tour
- In Conjunction with White Star Tours

ARK ENCOUNTER & CREATION MUSEUM – Williamstown, KY

June 17-20, 2024 ~ 4 Days – 3 Nights

\$745.00 per person - Double Occupancy

\$930.00 Single Occupancy

\$50 Deposit to hold reservation – Balance Due April 1, 2024

Contact Marie Blimline 484-332-3241 or Jeanie Hauck 610-856-7575 for more information.



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Join us for a Night of Prayer with Mark Forrest, Irish Tenor on Friday, March 1, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Church.

It will be a beautiful Holy Hour of music, meditation, and prayer sure to enhance your Lenten journey. This event is free and all are welcome!



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 www.angelorumvoices.com, subscribe to their Youtube channel, and follow them on Instagram and Facebook!

Attention High School Seniors of Italian

Heritage: Victor Emmanuel II Beneficial Society offers a \$12,000 scholarship available to Berks Co. High School seniors living in Berks Co. and who are of Italian heritage. Applications must be picked up at your local high school guidance counselor's office and returned to VE II by March 15, 2024. Any questions, please contact Fred Ranalli Jr. at 610-406-1131.

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THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST

- "HEALING" BY MAGGIE RIGGINS
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- "SACRIFICE" BY ROBERT JOHNSON
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- "MEAL" BY KRISTIN OSENBACH
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- "HOLY" BY FR. JOHN TRIGILIO
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Regular submissions for the bulletin must be received by 12:00 Noon the Monday before the bulletin is to be published. For example, to have an item published in the January 28th Bulletin - information must be submitted by Monday, January 22nd at 12:00 Noon.

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**A LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION -
MARIAWALD RENEWAL CENTER
1094 Welsh Road, Reading, PA 19607**

Saturday, March 9, 2024 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Theme: Crucified King." Facilitator : Fr. Brian Miller, M.Div., M.A., Pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Church, Reading, PA. To register, call 610-777-0135 or email mariawaldcenter@gmail.com. Register by March 5, 2024. Cost: \$40, lunch included.

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