

# The Fifth Sunday of Lent



## MASS SCHEDULE

*Saturday Vigil* – 5:00 pm | *Sunday* – 8:00, 9:45 & 11:30 am

*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 8:30-9:00 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 [bulletin@hgaparish.com](mailto:bulletin@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 visit [www.hgaschool.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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 contact Kari Mallozzi, Director of Religious Education, for more information via email to [kmallozzi@hgaparish.com](mailto:kmallozzi@hgaparish.com) or call 610-921-2729, ext. 2203.

**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. For more information or to speak to someone about a lasting gift to HGA, please contact the Guardian Society at [guardiansociety@hgaparish.com](mailto:guardiansociety@hgaparish.com).

**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@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:prusso@allentowndiocese.org)



## MASS Intentions

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

### Monday, March 18

#### St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

**8:00 am** Margaret M. McDivitt, requested by Laura Wilson  
**12:10 pm** George Houser, requested by Rocky and Mary Guidotto

### Tuesday, March 19

#### St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**8:00 am** Kay Brennan, requested by Beverly, David, and Shannon Covaleski  
**12:10 pm** Helen and Julius Sasiela, requested by Mike Nowak

### Wednesday, March 20

**8:00 am** Gino Candelori, requested by John Morganti  
**12:10 pm** Lawrence Sacco, Sr., requested by the Marino Family

### Thursday, March 21

**8:00 am** Mary Jane O'Connor, requested by Sandra, Carl and Amy Bard  
**12:10 pm** Richard M. Kostival, requested by Barbara and Jim Watson

### Friday, March 22

**8:00 am** Bernice Foley, requested by Jeff Wilson  
**9:30 am (School Mass)** Larry Riegal, requested by Bob and Jeanne Ann Arthur  
**12:10 pm** Norman Speicher, requested by David Quinter

### Sunday, March 24

#### Saturday Vigil

**5:00 pm** Deceased of the Porambo Family

#### Sunday

#### **8:00 am** Living and Deceased Parishioners

**9:45 am** Jeffrey Lloyd, requested by Nicole Galanos  
**11:30 am** Anna Cinelli, requested by Nancee and Chris Cinelli

## SANCTUARY LAMP & CANDLE INTENTIONS Week of March 17, 2024

**Sanctuary Lamp in Church:** In Memory of Kathy McNichol requested by Rita Walker. **Sanctuary Candle in Chapel:** In Memory of Joseph and Sophie Dziedzic requested by Family. **Blessed Mother Candles:** In Memory of Jane Schaefer, requested by Cathie and Tony Wienczek; Living and Deceased Parishioners. **St. Joseph Candles:** Intentions of Harold Mes-ser on the occasion of his Birthday requested by family; Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Guardian Angels:** In memory of John Intelisano requested by Cathie and Tony Wienczek; 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.**



Are you new to Holy Guardian Angels? Please be sure to stop by the Rectory to register - we'd love the opportunity to meet you! The Rectory is open Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm and Friday 9am-Noon.

## Padre's Piece The Book of Nehemiah

One of the Historical Books of the Old Testament, Nehemiah is set in the fifth century, B.C. and tells the story of a Jewish exile named Nehemiah who made it his mission to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem and to restore the city to its former greatness.

Nehemiah wrote to record his own work in restoring the defenses of Jerusalem and implementing social and religious reforms in the city. The book does not just present historical records; it shows the development of the ideal religious community among the Jews who returned from exile and centered their worship in the Temple. Through the reforms of Ezra and Nehemiah, the restored Jewish community affirmed itself as the true inheritor of Israel's covenant identity in the midst of the a hostile Gentile world.

The renewed Jewish community is a chastened one that is struggling to take the spiritual and moral lessons of the Exile to heart. The Hope is not to be placed in the rebirth of the grand kingdom of David and Solomon. Instead, hope is placed in the life of faith centered in the Temple, in the fulfillment of the liturgical demands, and in meditation upon God's law. The ideal of the restored community is expressed in Nehemiah with the description of worship; "And they offered great sacrifices that day and rejoiced, for God had made them rejoice with great joy; the women and children also rejoiced. And the joy of Jerusalem was heard afar off. (Neh 12:43.)

**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](mailto: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 Branon, 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 Swavely, John Gaetani, Anne Semmel, Sadie West, Justin Shiffer, Giancarlo Diaz, Susan Janney, Julia Shemanski. **Names will remain on the list for one month.**

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Sunday, March 17** - Confession 7:15, 9:20, and 11:05 am; Mass 8:00, 9:45, and 11:30 am; PREP 8:15; Heav-enbound 8:15; St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 12:45 pm; BINGO! Doors open 12:30, 1st Game Called 2:00 pm; Cub Scouts Pack 161 5:00 pm

**Monday, March 18** - Mass 8:00 am, 12:10 pm; Berks Catholic Softball Practice 3:00 pm; School Board Meet-ing 5:30 pm; Girl Scouts Meeting 6:30 pm; Penn Play-makers Basketball 6:00 pm

**Tuesday, March 19** - Mass 8:00 am; 12:10 pm; Adult Rec Basketball 7:00 pm

**Wednesday, March 20** - 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; School Stations of the Cross 1:15 pm; Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:00 pm; Penn Playmakers Basket-ball 6:00 pm; Oremus Bible Study 6:30 pm; Pen 2 Paper Meeting 6:30 pm; MOD Pizza Dine Out 10am-10pm

**Thursday, March 21** - Daily Mass 8:00 am & 12:10 pm; Oremus Bible Study 9:00 am; Guardian Society Meeting 10:00 am; Penn Playmakers Basketball 6:00 pm; BSA Troop 161 6:30 pm; Legion of Mary 6:30 pm; Choir Re-hearsal 6:30 pm

**Friday, March 22** - Daily Mass 8:00 am & 12:10 pm; School Mass 9:30 am; Hope, Grace & Adulthood 5:30 pm; Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm; LCCSA Meeting 8:00 pm

**Saturday, March 23** - Diocesan Spanish Theology and Ministerial Program 8:00am; Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am; Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Championship 2:30 pm; Confession 4:15 pm; Vigil Mass (with Live Stream) 5:00 pm

**Sunday, March 24** - Confession 7:15 am, 9:20 am, 11:05 am; Mass 8:00 am, 9:45 am; 11:30 am; BINGO! Doors Open at 12:30 pm, 1st Game Called 2:00 pm; Parish Confessions 7:00 pm

View the Master Calendar at any time on the website - [www.haaparish.com](http://www.haaparish.com) and click on "Calendar" at the top of the home page.



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 dates: March 17, April 7 & 21. Orders must be received by 1:00 pm and will be available for pick up the Thursday after the Order Date and then after Masses that weekend. **Order by March 17th to get gift cards in time for Easter!**

We are in need of a few new volunteers to help at the An-gel Earnings counter before/after weekend Masses. Please contact Anne Malinowski at 610-921-2729, ext. 2216 or [amalinowski@hgaparish.com](mailto:amalinowski@hgaparish.com) if interested.

Prep for spring cleaning with bonuses at:

- Ace Hardware 6% (Mar 16 – Mar 22)
- Home Depot 7% (Mar 16 – Mar 22)
- The Container Store 12% (Mar 16 – Mar 22)

Are you using the RaiseRight App? It's the easiest way to order gift cards on the go and to reload gift cards you already have! Scan the QR code to get started!

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



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EMBODYING THE LOVE OF CHRIST  
BY CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Reflect on your Lenten journey thus far: What have you learned from our global family members in

Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia? How does the Eucharist unite us with our sisters and brothers around the world? Consider how Christ is present in Adolf and Florence, Sandra and Santos, and Evita. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to read this week's Story of Hope

MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF PALM SUNDAY  
& THE TRIDUUM WILL BE CONTACTED DIRECTLY. THANK YOU!

# READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62  
 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Jn 8:1-11 St. Cyril of Jerusalem,  
 Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
 Tuesday 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27  
 and 29 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk  
 2:41-51a St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin  
 Mary  
 Wednesday Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Dn 3:52, 53, 54,  
 55, 56 Jn 8:31-42  
 Thursday Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 8:51-59  
 Friday Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 Jn 10:31  
 -42  
 Saturday Ez 37:21-28 Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 Jn  
 11:45-56  
 Sunday Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Phil  
 2:6-11 Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 and Mk 14:1-15:47  
 or Mk 15:1-39

# LAST WEEK *Collection* ©PPC

STEWARDSHIP	MARCH 10
WEEKLY	\$11,558.75
LOOSE	\$1,359.00
CANDLES	\$156.00
EMERGENCY	\$445.00
MAINTENANCE	\$105.00
MORTGAGE	\$190.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$3,371.00
OTHER	\$151.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,335.75</b>

## Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Thinking of your early school days, you likely remember the name of “that kid.” He or she was the one who, by dint of personality and intelligence you just know, had caught the eye of the teacher. Of course, unknown to us at the time, the teacher had to make the professional effort not to categorize that one student as a “pet.”

Later on in life, you saw the same dynamic in action when a certain co-worker was favored by the boss. In times past the boss might make his favoritism obvious. Not so today, where an HR office would pounce on the perpetrator quickly. Even to the point of dismissal.

On a much higher plain of observation, we could easily imagine Our Lord being the envy of His peers for what He said and did. Careful as He was to preclude praise let alone adulation of any kind, the people He ministered to knew instinctively that He had favor with Yahweh. Their wish to honor Him was a constant problem for Jesus, requiring Him to take action. At one point He even fled the crowd lest they make Him a king.

Jesus modeled the virtue of humility, but at the same time He knew God the Father in a way we never will. His respect for the Father was so obvious that the later unknown writer of the Letter to the Hebrews that we hear in today’s Mass could write that “He was heard because of His reverence when He prayed.

Reverence. There is a word. A state of being. A quality worth developing in our lives. It is a habit of being that begins with God and applies to the things of God but reaches down to our relations with our neighbor. Most often we in our present day can know reverence as the missing element in our common culture as we daily witness the opposite of it.

Something is terribly wrong about the way we freely murder our fellow man in the streets of our cities, and on the battlefields of our wars.

Add this the coldness with which our society wants to erase God from being a deciding factor in all we say and do. We’ve made other gods, often enough. Gods of power, wealth and fame.

As the waning days of Lent 2024 are upon us, may I suggest a project that will take us all way past Easter? It’s to develop our reverence for God and our neighbor.

God love you and lead you to betterment and a better Lent.

# The St. Vincent de Paul Weekly News

## STOCKING THE SHELVES Giving Hope to Those In Need

### LAST WEEK OF LENTEN COLLECTION!

Items may be donated through Sunday, March 24. Donations can be dropped off at the kiosks located at all church entrances.

- Mary’s Shelter – Baby Diapers (all sizes)
- St. Francis House – Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Tissues
- Berks Heim – Shawls & Sweaters (size L – XL)
- St. Joseph’s Food Pantry – Cereal
- Berks Connections – 3 in 1 Body Wash, Shampoo/Conditioner, Deodorant, Combs, Toothpaste, Disposable Razors, Socks, Washcloths, Feminine Products.

The next meeting of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is on Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 12:45 pm in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room.



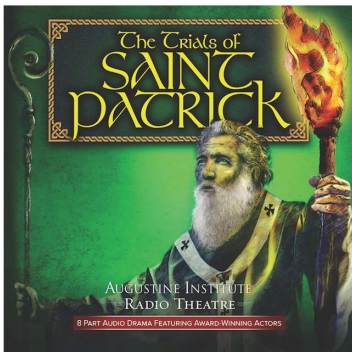
## ALWAYS IN NEED New and gently used infant pack’ n plays.

L.I.F.E. House of Berks County provides assistance to children and their families; parents, emergency, or temporary caregivers, and long-term and forever homes.

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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## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Don't delay in taking the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey! This important survey is essential in helping Holy Guardian Angels assess our greatest strengths and opportunities – so that our parish can thrive! If you're a parishioner, take the DMI survey today! We need your response to help strengthen our parish and better prepare us for the future - as we strive to grow as disciples of Christ.



To complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey online, visit <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/b3109b> or scan the QR Code. Please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.

If you prefer a paper copy, you may pick it up after daily or Sunday Masses. They will be located at all entrances to the church. Paper surveys are also available at the Rectory during regular during regular business hours (Mon.-Thur. 9am-4pm and Fri. 9am to 12pm).

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**The Diocesan Pilgrimage Committee  
Announces Plans for 2024-2025! Save the Dates!**

A Local Diocesan Pilgrimage has been planned for September of 2024 at the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA. Please save the dates for Thursday, September 19, 2024 (English), Friday, September 20, 2024 (High Schools), and Saturday, September 28, 2024 (Spanish). The Pilgrimage Committee is actively working on planning future local pilgrimages for the faithful.

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., will be on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Diocesan Pilgrimage tradition to Mary's House is typically held every four years. More information will be forthcoming for individuals, parishes, and schools.


Reservations are now open for the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy with Bishop Schlert & Father Hoffa - Tuesday, March 25, 2025 – Saturday, April 3, 2025. The first Diocese of Allentown International Pilgrimage will "Follow the Footsteps of Saints Peter and Paul" through Florence, Assisi, and Rome. To sign up for the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage, please contact Father Allen Hoffa, directly at [ahoffa@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:ahoffa@allentowndiocese.org) or 610-921-2729, ext. 2205.



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**LENTEN TALK** "HOLY" BY FR. JOHN TRIGILIO

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**Registration is now open for HGA CYO Track & Field for the 2024 Season!** Track & Field is open for all school and PREP students in Grades 5-8. The 2024 registration form and medical release form are available to print from the website at [www.hgaparish.com](http://www.hgaparish.com). You may also pay online. Coaches are needed for all sports and age levels. Any parent or parishioner interested in coaching, please indicate to on the registration form or email [cyo@hgaparish.com](mailto:cyo@hgaparish.com).

**Bilingual Freelance Writers Wanted!**

The Diocese is looking for freelance writers who are fluent in both English and Spanish.

These writers should be willing to attend special events around the Diocese and write articles about these events.

Articles would be reviewed by the Diocesan Communications team and posted on sites such as AD Today, the Diocesan Website, and Diocesan social media pages.

If interested, contact Lina Tavarez at [ltavarez@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:ltavarez@allentowndiocese.org) to submit writing samples or for any questions.



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*Would you like to volunteer?*

Call us today! We need you! ©JPPC

New volunteers are always needed to help run the many different programs, fundraisers, and other offerings here at Holy Guardian Angels. Families, including our HGA Family, are stronger when working together for the good of all members.

From checking people in at a movie event, to helping with mailings, from ushers and liturgical ministers, and large events like the Craft Fair and Angel Fest - as the saying goes - many hands make light work.

There are opportunities for families to volunteer together or maybe an hour or so at an event as an individual is something you're interested in. A Spaghetti Supper is planned for April 20th which is a great opportunity for someone to come back to help out with an HGA tradition or for someone new who would like to see why it's so special. Perhaps securing sponsorships for events or helping to spread the word about our thriving parish is where your talents may be best put to use.

Looking ahead we are in need of volunteers for the remaining Lenten activities, Sunday BINGO (ongoing), A Nite at the Races (May 4), PREP catechists and aides (ongoing), and of course, Angel Fest (June 14 & 15).

Selling Angel Earning gift cards, lottery tickets, and other seasonal items after your usual weekend Mass is a great way to help out once a week or once a month. Would you like to help keep our church clean and beautiful each week and for special occasions? Please let us know!

Please email Tricia Christ at [tchrist@hgaparish.com](mailto:tchrist@hgaparish.com) or call 610-921-2729 ext. 2202 if you are interested!



Did you know that HGA has a YouTube channel? Subscribe today & be sure to check out Father Hoffa's "Wednesdays Walking with the Word" playlist!







We hope you will join us on Wednesday, March 20 from 10am-10:30pm at Mod Pizza (4237 North 5th Street Highway Location) for our March Dine Out Event. Show our flier or order online with code MODGIVES20

The Home and School Association is hosting an HGA Family and Friends Night at Fantasy Skating on Wednesday, March 27 from 6-8p.m. Admission (\$3) and Skate Rental (\$4) can be purchased at the event. 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-school.square.site](https://holyguardianangelsregion-school.square.site) to purchase your tickets!**  
**Advanced tickets only**

HGA Regional School will be Closed for the Easter Holiday from 12pm on Wednesday, March 27 through and including Monday, April 1, 2024.

Our Home and School Association is hosting an HGA Family and Friends Night at the Reading Fightin Phils on Friday, April 26 at 6:45pm Tickets can be purchased at <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Holyguardian8> We hope you can join us!

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](mailto:kelpre@hgaschool.org).



The Sacrament of

*Reconciliation* ©JPPC

Congratulations & Blessings on all the children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, March 2, 2024!

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| Avery Acker          | Gianna Kelly            |
| Alexander Azzolina   | Isabela Martz           |
| Madeline Azzolina    | Diego Mercedes          |
| Adaline Bauer        | Kennedy Moore           |
| Elizabeth Berkel     | Elvis Oforgaram-Edochie |
| Stella Carlson       | CJ Palumbo              |
| Alana Carvajal       | Fernando Ramirez        |
| Erik Caudillo-Santos | Matteo Ramirez          |
| Sawyer Clay          | AnnaMae Rubert          |
| Jessed Cobos         | Sean Eric Santos        |
| Sullivan Cook        | Ryan Schaeffer          |
| Emma Crater          | Alison Swavely          |
| Darianie Giron       | Jace Taimanglo          |
| Cullen Glass         | Paisley Terefenko       |
| Khloe Glass          | Salice Vargas           |
| Connor Kelly         | Waylon Watkins          |

**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](mailto:kmallozzi@hgparish.com) to pick your spot now.**

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



**Knights of Columbus**

**Knight News!** Find our Community on Tabella & be a part of the conversation! The next Knights of Columbus Meeting is Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 pm (door opens at 6 pm) in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room.

Don't forget to sign up for the KOC Free-Throw Championship, March 23, 2024 at 2:00 pm. Open to boys & girls ages 9-14. Please visit the website or contact

Dan Rundle via phone at 484-332-6828 or email [dan.rundle@hotmail.com](mailto:dan.rundle@hotmail.com) to register. This is a free event. Pre-registration is preferred.

Interested in becoming a Knight? Please contact Mike Rusak at [koc14847@hgparish.com](mailto:koc14847@hgparish.com).

**SUNDAY BINGO at HGA**  
**The Nicest Bingo in**  
**Town! SUNDAY,**  
**MARCH 17TH!**

**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. **New Game - First In/First Out! This week's Progressive Jackpot will be \$450 in 53 numbers!**

**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](mailto:ahoffa@hgaparish.com) or call 610-921-2729, ext. 2205.



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.

**Upcoming**  
**EVENTS**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING  
*March 17*

HOPE, GRACE & ADULTING  
*March 22*

EASTER EGG HUNT  
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST  
*March 23*

PARISH CONFESSIONS  
*March 24*

LAST DAY FOR DMI SURVEYS  
*March 27*

HOLY THURSDAY CHURCH HOPPING  
*March 28*

GOOD FRIDAY TAKE OUT FISH DINNER  
 OUTDOOR STATIONS  
*March 29*

EASTER BASKET BLESSING  
 EASTER PIE PICK UP  
*March 30*

EASTER  
*March 31*

HGARS DESIGNER PURSE BINGO  
*April 6*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDY  
*April 7*

SIGHT & SOUND TRIP "DANIEL"  
*April 11*

MEATBALL MAKING & SPAGHETTI SUPPER  
*April 19 & 20*

NJ & NYC SHRINE HOP  
*May 2*

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.

**Pray with the Pope - March**

FOR THE MARTYRS OF OUR DAY, WITNESSES TO CHRIST Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive. For more information visit [Pray With the Pope – "The heart of the Church's mission is prayer"](#)



**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](http://www.angelorumvoices.com), subscribe to their Youtube channel, and follow them on Instagram and Facebook!



THE LORD IS GOOD  
UNTO THEM THAT  
WAIT FOR HIM,  
TO THE SOUL THAT  
SEEKETH HIM.

LAMENTATIONS 3:25

**LAMENTATIONS  
TENEBRAE SERVICE**

*in Word and Song*

March 24th ~ 3 PM

Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena

1825 W Turner St ~ Allentown PA

**Due to holiday publishing deadlines, bulletin submissions for the Easter Sunday, March 31st bulletin, must be submitted by Thursday, March 21st at 12:00 pm. Thank you!**