

Happy Feast Week
of the
Holy Guardian Angels!



MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 am
Daily Mass 8:00 am Monday-Friday

Confession
Wednesdays 8:30 am & 5:30 pm
Saturdays 4:15-4:45 pm
Sundays 7:15-7:45; 9:20-9:35, & 11:05-11:20am

Rectory Office Hours
Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday 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 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 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

Jim 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.
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MASS Intentions

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

Monday, October 2

The Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels

8:00 am Joseph Lapos, requested by the Novak Family
9:30 am (School Mass, Bishop Schlert, Celebrant)
Jane Bender, requested by the Holy Name Society

Tuesday, October 3

8:00 am Martin Papich, requested by LaDora and Candy

Wednesday, October 4

St. Francis of Assisi

8:00 am Gary Herb, requested by Lisa Wood

Thursday, October 5

St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

8:00 am Memorial Fund Members

Friday, October 6

St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

8:00 am Cory J. Zahand

Sunday, October 7

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm Living and Deceased Parishioners

Sunday

8:00 am George Houser, requested by Cathie and Tony Wiencek

9:45 am Holy Name Society

11:30 am Anne and Andrew O'Pake, requested by the Malinowski Family

SANCTUARY LAMP & CANDLE INTENTIONS

Week of October 1, 2023

Sanctuary Lamp in Church: Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Sanctuary Candle in Chapel:** In Memory of Walter and Josephine Cichocki, requested by daughter, Joan. **St. Joseph Candles:** For the intentions of Fr. William Seifert; Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Blessed Mother Candles:** In Memory of Sr. Mary Benitia Dembrowski, CSSF requested by the family; In memory of Dorothy and William Matz, requested by daughter, son-in-law, and family. **Holy Guardian Angels Candles:** 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 Pique

The Lord's Prayer

The first prayer that many people learn, even as young children, is the Lord's Prayer – the Our Father. For Catholics, the reason for that may be that we pray it every time we go to Mass.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

The Lord's Prayer has been part of the liturgy since the very beginning. The Catechism of the Catholic Church calls it "the summary of the whole Gospel." In fact, the final section of the Catechism is about the Lord's Prayer.

This prayer is prayed at a most appropriate time during the Mass: shortly before we go up to receive Communion. As we ask God to "give us this day our daily bread," we prepare ourselves to receive the Bread of Life – the Body and Blood of Christ. But it goes even deeper, referring to the whole Mass – the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The Catechism, number 2835, puts it like this: "The specifically Christian sense of this fourth petition concerns the Bread of Life: The Word of God accepted in faith, the Body of Christ received in the Eucharist." For Further Study: CCC 2759-2865.

Please keep this year's Confirmation Class in your Prayers! Bishop Schlert will administer the Sacrament to the young men & women on Thursday, October 5th at 4:30 pm.



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, Giada 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 1 - Confession 7:15, 9:20, and 11:05 am; Mass 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 am; Opening of 40 Hours 12:30; Silent Adoration 12:30-7:00 pm; CYO Cross Country Meet 1:00 pm; 40 Hours Service 7:00 pm; CYO Volleyball Game 6:00 pm; BSA Troop 161 Committee Meeting 6:00 pm

Monday, October 2 - Mass 8:00 am; Adoration 8:30-9:30 am; School Mass with Bishop Schlert 9:30 am; Adoration 10:30 am - 7:00 pm; 40 Hours Service 7:00 pm; CYO Meeting 6:00 pm; Girl Scouts Mtg. 6:30 pm; Spanish Marriage Prep 6:30 pm

Tuesday, October 3 - Mass 8:00 am; Adoration 8:30-7:00 pm; CYO Volleyball Practice 4:00 pm; CYO Cross Country Practice 6:00 pm; Solemn Closing of 40 Hours 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 4 - Healing Mass 8:00 am followed by Adoration until 6:00 pm with Benediction; Blessing of the Animals 9:00 am & 6:15 pm; Confessions 8:30 am and 5:15 pm; CYO Cross Country Practice 6:00 pm, Rosary Rally 5:30 pm; Confirmation Practice 6:30 pm

Thursday, October 5 - Mass 8:00 am; CYO Volleyball Practice 4:00 pm; Confirmation 4:30 pm; CYO Cross Country Practice 6:00 pm; BSA Troop 161 6:30 pm; Legion of Mary 6:30 pm; Culture of Life Meeting 6:30 pm; Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm

Friday, October 6 - First Friday 7:00 am; Mass 8:00 am

Saturday, October 7 - Cornhole Tournament 10:00 am; Confession 4:15 pm; Vigil Mass (Live-Streamed) 5:00 pm

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 Called 2:00 pm

Let's build a culture of life together! Please join the Culture of Life Group for their meeting on Thursday, October 5th at 6:30 pm in the Rectory Basement Small Meeting Room.
For more information, contact Martha Weida at 610-944-0289 or Carolyn Toplak at 610-621-3668.



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 behind the Tabernacle are in thanksgiving on the occasion of the wedding anniversary of Luke and Lisa Wood. Requested by Luke and Lisa.

SERVER/LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE OCTOBER 7 & 8

*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	Madelyn Glessner Christian Hendrix Noah Hendrix	Nate Holland Samantha Holland Sara Holland	Carlos Flood Sam Moody Dane Prechtl	Matthew Glembocki Diego Gonzalez Vincent Tartaglia
Lector	Georjean Jones	Caroline Reber	Therea Quitinsky	Sherry Gonzalez
EM	Diane Choiniere Lillian Hart	Patrick Holland Frank Ligenza	Cathy Moyer Cathie Wiencek	Kelli Glembocki Martha Weida



Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10 The Holy Guardian Angels
 Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56
 Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62 St. Francis of Assisi
 Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10:1-12 St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
 Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16 St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24 Our Lady of the Rosary
 Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-

**HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS
 40 HOURS EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION
 Sunday, October 1 - Tuesday, October 3
 Father Rob Ramser will be the Preacher all three nights.**

- Sunday: 12:30 pm Exposition and Silent Adoration until 7:00 pm Evening Prayer Service.
- Monday: 8:00 am Mass with Exposition and Silent Adoration until 7:00 pm (No adoration from 9:30-10:30 due to School Mass.) Evening Prayer Service.
- Tuesday: 8:00 am Mass with Exposition and Silent Adoration until the 7:00 pm Solemn Closing and Evening Prayer Service.

Sign-Up Sheets are available at all entrances of the Church for those who would like to sign up for a half-hour or whole hour to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament.

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STEWARDSHIP	SEPTEMBER 24
WEEKLY	\$7,736.00
LOOSE	\$515.00
CANDLES	\$215.00
EMERGENCY	\$115.00
MAINTENANCE	\$150.00
MORTGAGE	\$37.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$3,614.00
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL	\$891.00
HAWAII DISASTER	\$150.00
LATIN AMERICA	\$1,614.00
OTHER	\$115.00
TOTAL	\$15,152.00



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 Ezekiel 18: 25-28; Philippians 2:1-11, or 2:1-5; Matthew 21:28-32

While there is no such thing as a caste system in the “land of the free and the home of the brave,” it is so fundamental a belief that it is enshrined in our founding declaration. There it states: “all men are created equal.” Dare I say, “except when boarding a plane, train or cruise ship?”

Just think of your latest long-distance flight. The boarding agent announces: “Now boarding first class passengers.” Soon a relatively small group will get up from their scattered places in the waiting area and calmly board. Meanwhile, the rest of us will wait to be called up in sections of numbered rows. As we head there, we walk by the first-class privileged ones scanning their reading material or their phone screens, sometimes looking up from their extra wide comfort seats to stare at us “peons” walking back to our row of 3 narrower models.

But when it comes to the matter of entering the kingdom of God, all is reversed. The poor go first. The only qualification for a good seat is belief in the way of righteousness. John the Baptist, the man so admired by His Divine Cousin, had evidently preached a bright new message of salvation. But the “chief priests and elders of the people” did not believe John’s word. Who did? The tax collectors and prostitutes, the sinners, the lower class, the great unwashed and those whose humility was real and deep. It also led them to believe and even rejoice in Jesus.

We know all about the righteousness of Our Lord Jesus. He was and is the very fulfillment of the Baptist’s preaching. The one with the only actual key to paradise. Earthly power, wealth and fame have no interest in Jesus. They certainly do not offer any attraction for the person who says in prayer: “Have mercy on me, O God, for I have sinned.”

The next time you get jealous of the people seated in first class, consider this story called “The Death of a Hapsburg.” *In Vienna, Austria, you will find a church in which the Hapsburgs, the former ruling family of Austria, are buried. It is recorded that when royal funerals finally arrive at the church for the burial rites, the mourners leading the procession knock at the door to gain entrance.*

“Who is it that desires admission here?” a priest asks through the locked door. “His apostolic majesty, the emperor!” calls the guard. “I don’t know him,” answers the priest. A second knock follows, and a similar question is asked. This time the funeral guard announces the deceased as “the highest emperor.” Again, “I don’t know him” echoes throughout the vaulted burial chamber.

Finally, a third knock is heard. “Who is it?” “A poor sinner. your brother,” comes the final answer. Then the door is opened, and the royal burial is completed. God love you and help you accept His ways.



HGA Regional School Families, please mark your calendars:

- Annual Blessing of the Animals - Wednesday, October 4th at 9:00 am.
- Confirmation- Tuesday, October 5
- No School - Monday, October 9
- Home and School Association October Meeting- Tuesday, October 10th, at 5:00 pm
- Gently Used Uniform Sale - Tuesday, October 10th, 6:00-8:00 pm

This past Friday our students celebrated our biggest fundraiser of the year: our HGA Regional School Danceathon! Our goal is to raise \$35,000 for financial aid, teacher materials, and student safety and enrichment. Every donation helps. Please consider supporting our school at <https://tinyurl.com/hgadance23>.

HGA Regional School students' Fall Service Project will support the Animal Rescue League and Humane Societies of Berks County. Our collection will run until Friday, October 6, 2023. Thank you in advance for supporting our animal pals!

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 (8am-11pm). 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!!

PREP NEWS!

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!"

Students in grades second and eighth are asked to come to the closing of Forty Hours on October 3rd to participate in the church procession! Please report to the church at 6:40pm!



Upcoming EVENTS

CYO CROSS-COUNTRY MEET
October 1

CYO VOLLEYBALL GAME
October 1

40 HOURS
October 1-3

FEAST OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS
BISHOP SCHLERT AT SCHOOL MASS
October 2

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
October 4

CONFIRMATION
October 5

CULTURE OF LIFE MEETING
October 5

"THROWING WITH THE ANGELS"
CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT
October 7

SVDP BLOOD DRIVE
October 16 - 21

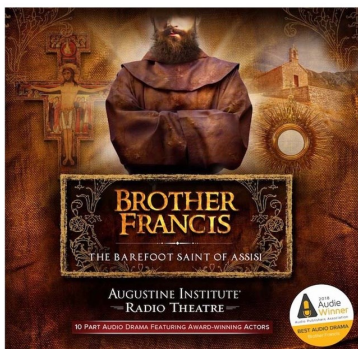
ANNIVERSARY MASSES
October 21 & 22

HALLOWEEN LOTTERY
October 31

Fall Catechetical Series

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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and  ignatius press

Important Notice from Gethsemane Cemetery: Beginning the week of November 13, 2023, we will have our semi-annual grave clean-off at Gethsemane and 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.



Nocturnal Adoration Devotions in honor of The Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held at St. Peter the Apostle Chapel. The chapel is accessible from the rear parking lot of the church. The one-hour Adoration will be held on First Friday, October 6th from 4:00-5:00 pm. Everyone is invited!

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*

