

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

Monday, March 4

8:00 am Elizabeth Kunstek, requested by Russ and Caroline Reber

12:10 pm Anthony and Dalla Shustack, requested by daughter, Evelyn

Tuesday, March 5

8:00 am Michael Mieczkowski, requested by Tim and Ann Marie Ferguson

12:10 pm Michael Choiniere, requested by mother, Diane

Wednesday, March 6

8:00 am Father's Day Intentions

12:10 pm Joan Williams, requested by Pat and Stasia

Thursday, March 7

8:00 am Sylvia Kane, requested by Tony and Cathie Wiencek and family

12:10 pm Lisa Harris, requested by Phyllis Kotch

Friday, March 8

8:00 am Jane Wiencek, requested by Georjean Jones 9:30 am (School Mass) Clair Eyrich, requested by John and Pat Hansbury

12:10 pm Harry J. Kapicz, requested by the Etchberger Family

Sunday, March 10

Saturday Vigil

4:00 pm Ralph C. and Mary R. Jones, requested by daughter, Georgiean Jones

Sunday

8:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners 9:45 am Girl Scout Sunday

11:30 am Shirley Cirulli, requested by Barbara D'Agostino.

SANCTUARY LAMP & CANDLE INTENTIONS Week of March 3, 2024

Sanctuary Lamp in Church: Living and Deceased Parishioners.

Sanctuary Candle in Chapel: Living and Deceased Parishioners.

Blessed Mother Candles: In Memory of Mary Kziedzic requested by family; Living and Deceased Parishioners. St. Joseph Candles: In Memory of Paul and Catherine Nawrocki requested by John and Bridget Huemmrich; In Honor of ______ requested by John and Bridget Huemmrich. Guardian Angels

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 First Book of Chronicles

The Greek title, paraleipomena, means "things omitted," or "passed over" (i.e., in the accounts found in Samuel and Kings). The Books of Chronicles, however, are much more than a supplement to Samuel and Kings; a comparison of the two histories discloses striking differences of scope and purpose. The Books of Chronicles record in some detail the lengthy span from the death of King Saul to the return from the exile.

The Chronicler (the conventional designation for the anonymous author) in compiling his work. Given the situation which confronted the Jewish people at this time (the end of the fifth century B.C.), the Chronicler realized that Israel's political greatness was a thing of the past. Yet, for the Chronicler, Israel's past held the key to the people's future. In particular, the Chronicler aimed to establish and defend the legitimate claims of the Davidic monarchy in Israel's history, and to underscore the status of Jerusalem and its divinely established Temple worship as the center of religious life for the Jewish people. If Judaism was to survive and prosper, it would have to heed the lessons of the past and devoutly serve its God in the place where he had chosen to dwell, the Temple in Jerusalem. From the Chronicler's point of view, the reigns of David and Solomon were the ideal to which all subsequent rule in Judah must aspire.

The Chronicler was much more interested in David's religious and cultic influence than in his political power, however. He saw David's (and Solomon's) primary importance as deriving rather from their roles in the establishment of Jerusalem and its Temple as the center of the true worship of the Lord. Furthermore, he presents David as the one who prescribed the Temple's elaborate and who appointed the Levites to supervise the liturgical services there.

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 Swavely, John Gaetani, Anne Semmel, Sadie West, Justin Shiffer, Giancarlo Diaz. Names will remain on the list for one month.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

<u>Sunday, March 3</u> - John XXIII Retreat, Confession 7:15, 9:20, and 11:05 am; Mass 8:00, 9:45, and 11:30 am; PREP 8:15; Heavenbound 8:15

Monday, March 4 - Mass 8:00 am, 12:10 pm; Berks Catholic Softball Practice 3:00 pm; Spanish Marriage Prep 6:00 pm; CYO Meeting 6:00 pm; Girl Scouts Meeting 6:30 pm

<u>Tuesday, March 5</u> - Mass 8:00 am; 12:10 pm; Symbolon Part II - Catholic Social Teaching: Building a Civilization of Love & Protecting the Dignity of the Human Person 6:30 pm; Adult Rec Basketball 7:00 pm

<u>Wednesday, March 6</u> - 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; Rosary Rally 5:30 pm; Oremus Bible Study 6:30 pm

<u>Thursday, March 7</u> - Daily Mass 8:00 am & 12:10 pm; Oremus Bible Study 9:00 am; BSA Troop 161 6:30 pm; Legion of Mary 6:30 pm; Culture of Life Meeting 6:30 pm; Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm

<u>Friday, March 8</u> - Daily Mass 8:00 am & 12:10 pm; School Mass 9:30 am; Lenten Take Out Dinner 5:00 pm; Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm; LCCSA Meeting 8:00 pm

<u>Saturday, March 9</u> - Confession 3:15 pm; Vigil Mass (with Live Stream) 4:00 pm; HGARS Donor Event 6:00 pm

<u>Sunday, March 10</u> - Confession 7:15 am, 9:20 am, 11:05 am; Mass 8:00 am, 9:45 am; 11:30 am; PREP 8:15 am; Heavenbound 8:15 am; Doors Open for BIN-GO 12:30 pm, 1st Game Called 2:00 pm, Cabrini Movie Event 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 dates: March 10, March 24. 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.

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 - MARCH 9-10 | | | | | |
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| | 4:00 pm | 8:00 am | 9:45 am | 11:30 am | |
| Servers | Collin Kroenig Evan Kroenig Meredith Swavely | Nate Holland Samantha Holland Sara Holland | Elijah Kopp Dane Prechtl Cody Toplak | Diego Gonzalez Lia Martina Laceda Mikaela Schmeck | |
| Lector | Wendy Freeman | Cindy Heimbach | Carolyn Toplak | Sherry Gonzalez | |
| EM | Marge Collins Georjean Jones | George Lehman Frank Ligenza | Cathy Moyer Jennifer Toplak | Diane Choiniere Lillian Hart | |



Monday 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 Lk 4:24-30 Optional Memorial of Saint Casimir

Tuesday Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19

Thursday Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 11:14-23 Optional Memorial of Saints Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs

Friday Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 Mk 12:28-34 Optional Memorial of Saint John of God, religious

Saturday Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab Lk 18:9-14 Optional Memorial of Saint Frances of Rome, religious

Sunday 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21

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| LAST WEEK | Collection |
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| STEWARDSHIP | FEBRUARY 25 |
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| WEEKLY | \$9,048.00 |
| LOOSE | \$793.00 |
| CANDLES | \$156.00 |
| EMERGENCY | \$207.00 |
| MAINTENANCE | \$115.00 |
| MORTGAGE | \$161.00 |
| ONLINE GIVING | \$2,809.00 |
| OTHER | \$337.00 |
| TOTAL | \$13,626.00 |

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

"Powerhouse" can be defined in a few ways, As a simple plant that produces power. Or as a person who possesses great force of energy, as in "She is an editorial powerhouse." Today I want to call on the word as an apt description of this weekend's Readings for Mass.

First comes the Ten Commandments from the Book of Exodus. They are stark, confident, certifiably the divine basics on how to live for a largely illiterate people. Later on in history, the Church will elaborate on their meanings for a more sophisticated audience.

So, for example, "Thou shalt not kill" will expand to include more subtle killings, like the reckless use of illicit drugs. We move on to St. Paul's Letter, where he contrasts Jewish and Greek religious aspirations with that of the Christian's. featuring a crucified Jesus as "the wisdom and power of God." He is blunt and straightforward but impactful.

Then we come to the highly dramatic and demonstrably divine act of Jesus, angrily cleansing His "Father's House," the Temple, of the rank commercialism that had become common there.

This Jesus follows with His symbolic prediction of His death and resurrection. This threefold combination of Readings here in the middle of Lent leaves us a little breathless, partly because we moderns have become so used to the subtlety mostly used by Satan and the societal enemies of Christ prevalent in our present culture. Yet I find the whole ensemble refreshing, like a hot shower after work or play in the cold. Or a cold shower after the same in summer's heat.

Here is our one true God, soon to be a crucified corpse followed by a total resurrection prepared for and praised, yet remaining fully human as was the Babe at Bethlehem. Able to take on all the various forms of negativity we face in life with the positive outlook unique to Himself. He only asks His followers, you and me, to take on what we can and do so with His help.

So it is Lent, this penitential season where we face not only the exterior, but also the interior darkness we often take on because we think it's light. The true Light will blaze forth on the morning of the Third Day, and we will know whose pledge for redemption is the real one. What a "powerhouse" Faith we are offered; what a confident Hope we gain; what a contagious Charity we can practice! All because of Jesus Christ our Lord!

May 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 is collecting much needed items now 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

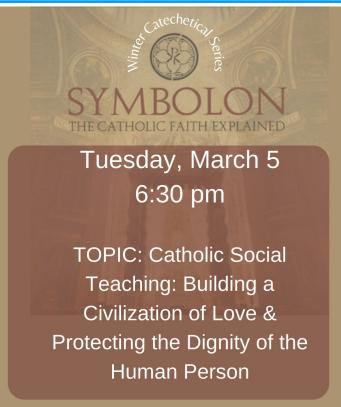
- Berks Heim − Shawls & Sweaters (size L − XL)
- St. Joseph's Food Pantry Cereal
- Berks Connections 3 in 1 Body Wash, Shampoo/ Conditioner, Deodorant, Combs, Toothpaste, Disposable Razors, Socks, Washcloths, Feminine Products.

The 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.

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.







30 DAYS LEFT TO TAKE THE SURVEY!

If you're a parishioner and haven't already taken the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey, NOW is the time! It's the very important first step in Holy Guardian Angel's journey to a deeper relationship with Christ. We are currently assessing our parish's greatest strengths and opportunities. We need your response to help strengthen our parish and better prepare us for the future - as we strive grow in missionary discipleship.



For the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey link, please 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 and 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.



Important Notice from Gethsemane Cemetery: Starting the week of March 15, we will have our semi-annual grave clean-off at Gethethsemane semane 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 March 15. Thank you.

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 Interna-



tional 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 or 610-921-2729, ext. 2205.



 RAISING CHICKENS TO SUPPORT HER FAM-ILY Nowadays, in Morazán, El Salvador, it is very difficult to know when the rainy or dry seasons will be. The unpredictable

weather puts the livelihood of Sandra's family in jeopardy. Despite the challenges, Sandra and her husband, Santos, remain dedicated to ensuring their children grow healthy and succeed in school. Learn how their strong family dynamic enabled Sandra to participate in a Catholic Relief Services' project on raising chickens and how her determination has helped her family and community. Visit crsricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.

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.



Pray with the Pope - March

FOR THE MARTYRS OF OUR DAY, WIT-NESSES 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.



The HGA Culture of Life Group will be meeting on Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Small Rectory Basement Meeting Room. All are welcome! For more information or questions, please email Julie Hartman at juliehartman80@gmail.com.



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Liturgical Living | Catholic All Year at Home w/ Kendra Tierney

Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three-year-old Barbara make something they like to call "trash can soup." Find this episode's feature recipes and more about liturgical living in the home at Catholic All Year. https://catholicallyear.com/at-home/.





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.

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



Are you following the HGA Facebook Page? It's a great way to stay up to date on all things HGA! Find us @hgaparish.





Tickets are selling fast! 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!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS 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 al-

so 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.





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!

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 holyguardianangelsregionalschool.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 Prechtl at kelpre@hgaschool.org to set up a tour today!



Knight News! Find our Community on Tabella & be a part of the conversation! The next Knights of Columbus Meeting is Wednes-

day, March 20th at 7:00 pm (door opens at 6 pm) in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room.

Interested in becoming a Knight? Please contact Mike Rusak at koc14847@hgaparish.com.



HEALING MASS March 6

CULTURE OF LIFE MEETING

March 7

LENTEN TAKE OUT DINNER March 8

CABRINI MOVIE EVENT March 10

HGA SENIORS MEETING March 13

SPRING CRAFT FAIR HGARS TRIVIA NIGHT March 16

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING March 17

EASTER EGG HUNT
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST

March 23

PARISH CONFESSIONS March 24

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

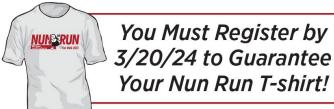
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SUNDAY BINGO at HGA The Nicest Bingo in Town!



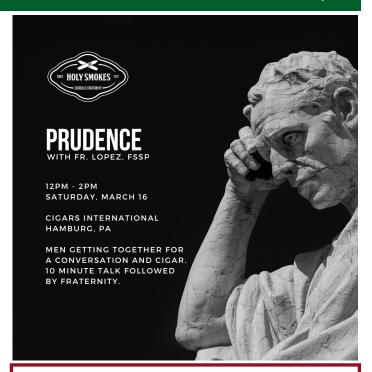
Come join us for a fun-filled afternoon of BINGO! Enjoy a fast-paced program with specials and other surprises, rip tickets, and door prizes! Food & drink is available for purchase. Player packs are \$20 & \$25. Kids play pack \$10. **New Game - First Out!**





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. 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.



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.



It is time again for Mary's Shelter's 2024 Bowl-A-Thon, which will be held on March 17th from 3pm to 5pm.



Help us raise money for our clients and Mary's Shelter programs at Mary's Shelter, and enjoy a great day of bowling with family and friends. Come join us for family, friends, food, and fun!!

For more information or to register, please visit https://www.marysshelter.org/events/bowlathon

You may also contact us via email regarding registration and sponsorship opportunities at **office@marysshelter.org**

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.

Are you grieving a past abortion? Rachel's Vineyard is an extraordinary healing opportunity for any person who struggles with emotional and spiritual pain of traumatic pregnancy loss, whether through abortion or miscarriage. Our weekend retreats are a unique and effec-



tive process designed specifically to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. In a safe, confidential, non-judgmental group environment, you can grieve your loss while understanding and releasing any deep feelings of anger, shame, and guilt you may have. This process is extremely helpful for people who struggle with forgiving themselves or others. We also welcome those who have worked in the abortion industry heal from their wounds as well. The weekend will help your soul find a voice and transform the pain of the past into hope. Rachel's Vineyard is a "therapy for the soul" that combines a unique and creative process for psychological and spiritual healing. Come to our Healing Weekend Retreat, April 12–14, 2024 in Doylestown, PA, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. To register, or for more information, please call Evelyn at (215) 317-5752.

All requests are strictly confidential.

To financially assist in making this retreat available for future participants, especially for those in need of scholarships. Please email **evelynwalsh59@gmail.com** for more information.

May God bless you for your generosity.