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**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**

**Adoration**  
**Wednesdays 8:30 am - 6:00 pm**

**Rectory Office Hours**  
Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 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 [baregood@hgaparish.com](mailto: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 Father 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](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 call the Parish Office for further information.

**Knights of Columbus Holy Guardian Angels Council #14847**

Grand Knight - Mike Rusak  
Council email: [koc14847@hgaparish.com](mailto: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, November 27

**8:00 am Mary Jane McMenamin**, requested by Rocky and Mary Guidotto

## Tuesday, November 28

**8:00 am Intentions of Members of the Legion of Mary**, requested by Michelle Corson

## Wednesday, November 29

**8:00 am Lee Garrigan**, requested by Nancy Smith

## Thursday, November 30

### St. Andrew the Apostle

**8:00 am Violet Cucinotta**, requested by Rosemarie Feicht

## Friday, December 1

**8:00 am Richard Readdy**, requested by Bernadine and Becky Horyczko

**9:30 am (School Mass) Sr. Donna Jo Loeper, SSJ**, requested by Bernadine Horyczko

## Sunday, December 3

### Saturday Vigil

**5:00 pm Living and Deceased Parishioners**

**8:00 am Kieran and Mary Holland**, requested by the Holland Family

**9:45 am Frances Cronan**, requested by Vince Cronan

**11:30 am Luigi Candelori**, requested by Fred and Linda Usbeck

*The Blessed Mother's Altar Flowers & Floral Rosary are in loving memory of Julia Gaspari, requested by Family.*

## SANCTUARY LAMP & CANDLE INTENTIONS Week of November 26, 2023

**Sanctuary Lamp in Church:** Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Sanctuary Candle in Chapel:** Living and Deceased Parishioners. **St. Joseph Candles:** In Memory of Cory Zahand; Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Blessed Mother Candles:** In Memory of Richard Skimski, requested by 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 Piece The Sending

The Mass ends with a blessing – the Sign of the Cross. But even after this final blessing, the priest or deacon gives what is called the dismissal, “Ite, missa est.” The dismissal is more than just saying, “It’s okay to go now.” This is a sending out; a sending out with a mission.

There are four different options for the dismissal:

“Go forth, the Mass is ended.”

“Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.”

“Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.”

“Go in peace.”

You see, for Catholics, the end of the Mass is not really an ending at all; it is a beginning. Having just been fed by the Word of God and the Body and Blood of Christ, we are sent out into the world to share the graces we have just received. After all, why would anyone want to keep this to themselves? Think of it like this: if you just had the most incredible meal of your life, wouldn’t you want to share that with your family and friends? How much more so should it be with the greatest meal in all eternity!?

So as we respond with “Thanks be to God,” we sing a hymn and take Jesus to the world. Amen! Alleluia!

### First Friday Devotions; Friday, December 1, 2023.

**7:00 am Exposition & Devotions**

**7:00 – 7:40 am Confessions**

**7:45 am Benediction**

**8:00 am Mass**



## Pray FOR THE SICK

John Luppino, Barbara Schwartz, Pattie Mihalak, Fr. Wm Seifert, 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, Serge Kuschick, 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, Olivia Clark, Melissa Neff, Arlene Kunstek, Robert Keim, Donald Davis, Irvin Lindinger. Names will remain on the list for one month.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Sunday, November 26** - Confession 7:15, 9:20, and 11:05 am; Mass 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 am; Baptismal Class 12:30 pm

**Monday, November 27** - Mass 8:00 am; CYO Girls Basketball Practice 6:00 pm; Girl Scouts Meeting 6:30 pm

**Tuesday, November 28** - Mass 8:00 am; CYO Boys Basketball Practice 6:00 pm; Symbolon: Mary Our Spiritual Mother 6:30 pm; Knights of Columbus Assembly Meeting 7:00 pm

**Wednesday, November 29** - Mass 8:00 am; Adoration 8:30 am until Benediction at 6:00 pm; Confessions 8:30 am and 5:15 pm; CYO Girls Basketball Practice 6:00 pm; Advent Catechetical Series: Forgiven 6:30 pm

**Thursday, November 30** - Mass 8:00 am; Advent Catechetical Series: Forgiven 9:00 am; CYO Boys Basketball Practice 6:00 pm; BSA Troop 161 6:30 pm; Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm; Legion of Mary 6:30 pm

**Friday, December 1** - First Friday 7:00 am; Mass 8:00 am; School Mass 9:30 am; Christmas Bazaar Set up 2:30 pm

**Saturday, December 2** - Christmas Craft Bazaar 9:00 am; Confession 4:15 pm; Vigil Mass (Live-Streamed) 5:00 pm; St. Nicholas Shoe Stuffing All Weekend Masses

**Sunday, December 3** - Mass 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 am; Confession 7:15, 9:20, and 11:05 am; St. Nicholas Shoe Stuffing All Weekend Masses; PREP 8:15 am; Doors open for BINGO 12:30 pm, 1st Game Called 2:00 pm, Advent Vespers 4:00 pm; BSA Troop 161 Committee Meeting 6:00 pm

**New! Walking with Purpose - So Much More than a Bible Study!** Attn: young adult women (ages 21-35). A new opportunity for you to encounter the Lord's love for you is coming to HGA! Two young women from our parish family will lead the group beginning in January of 2024. The group will meet in the Rectory Attic on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 pm.

Please contact Kari Mallozzi via email to [kmalozzi@hgaparish.com](mailto:kmalozzi@hgaparish.com) or 610-921-2729, ext. 2203, for more information.



Only four more special order dates before Christmas!

- November 26th
- December 3rd
- December 10th – Last chance to order physical gift cards for Christmas!

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.

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.

### Find Giftspiration With the 2023 Holiday Gift Guide

Find great gifting brands, use the holiday shopping list, and much more.

Get the guide at [RaiseRight.com/Resources/HolidayGuide](https://RaiseRight.com/Resources/HolidayGuide)



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### SERVER/LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, DECEMBER 8

	Vigil 6:30 pm	Holy Day 8:00 am	Holy Day 12:10 pm
<b>Lector</b>	Jim Harper	Wendy Freeman	Anne Malinowski
<b>EM</b>	Mark Semprini Tina Semprini	Patrick Holland Anthony J. Wiencek	Diane Choiniere Georjean Jones

### SERVER/LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE NOVEMBER DEC. 2-3

\*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
<b>Servers</b>	Madelyn Glessner Patrick Manczak Meredith Swavely	Nate Holland Sara Holland Samantha Holland	Carlos Flood Dane Prechtl Mikaela Schmeck	Matthew Glembocki Lia Martina Laceda Vincent Tartaglia
<b>Lector</b>	Rozanne Thompson	Tim Ferguson	Cathy Douglas	Ann Marie Botch
<b>EM</b>	Georjean Jones Denise LeVan	Anne Marie Ferguson Patrick Holland	Diane Choiniere Cathie Wiencek	Kelli Glembocki Martha Weida

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK



### Last Week in Ordinary Time

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4  
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11  
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67;  
 Lk 21:12-19  
 Thursday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22 St. Andrew,  
 Apostle  
 Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33  
 Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36 Blessed Virgin  
 Mary. Here ends the Year of Grace 2023  
 Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1  
 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

### Friendly Reminder!

We are so excited to see everyone at the Annual Christmas Craft Bazaar on Sun., Dec. 2nd from 9am-2pm. Be sure to return any raffle tickets to the Rectory or drop them in the collection basket.



Tickets will be available the day of the Bazaar. The drawing will take place at 1:00 pm.

Also, Wish List envelopes may be dropped off at the rectory during business hours (Mon.-Thur. 9am-4pm & Fri. 9am-12pm) or you may also drop them in the collection basket. Thank you for your continued generosity!

LAST WEEK

## Collection

Due to holiday publishing deadlines, the stewardship report for Sunday, November 19th & 26th will be reported in the December 3rd Bulletin.

### St. Vincent de Paul Society Update!

THERE WILL BE NO STOCK THE SHELVES COLLECTION DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.



### ANGEL TREE DONATIONS

Angel Tags supporting The Salvation Army, Prospectus Berco, and Veteran's Coalition will be available this weekend, Nov. 25-26. Donations will be collected Nov. 25 through Dec. 3.

### LOOKING AHEAD

Stock the Shelves – January: Chili Donations  
 Valentines for Seniors and Shut-ins – January 27-February 11  
 Kennedy House Soup Kitchen – March 9 & 10



Next Weekend we will receive your Christmas Flowers Envelope. This collection will be used to beautifully decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas!

### Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28; Matthew 25: 31-46

One of the appeals of “The Chosen” online show is its use of creativity and imagination where the actual gospels leave tantalizing gaps in their recount of Our Lord Jesus’ earthly life. The 4 gospels can’t be “blamed” for omitting desired details because they were never written as biographies of Jesus. So we can delight in what the screenplay presents as what might have happened two thousand plus years ago when Jesus walked.

All such appeals are absent in St. Matthew’s account of Jesus’ description of the Last Judgment. It is stark and scary. Real and reasonable about what that ultimate judgment will be like. The Church presents the description Our Lord gives at this final weekend of the Liturgical Year to remind us of three different truths: the world as we know it will one day end; that we ourselves will one day end our lives here below; and that Christ alone as King and Judge will determine how our lives will continue.

I said that the whole scene is scary. But I did not mean that in the sense of “Halloween scary.” Just about a month ago our near pagan culture was all about graveyards and skeletons and all manner of monsters.

How that deviation from the original celebration of the eve of All Saints’ Day, when we recalled and honored “all the hallowed ones” that is, the saints, is a long story.

The “fear of the Lord” is quite different. In simple terms it means that we are so respectful and loving of God that we fear to offend Him by how we live. I think that is a healthy fear. It keeps us bound to our belief in His goodness and love for us just as we are, faults included. No need to be afraid of His Judgment if we have really tried to do our best here on earth. And when we have failed, as we all inevitably do, then our sorrow and resolve to do better stand us all in good stead before Christ’s heavenly throne.

Vance Havner, a renowned Protestant preacher, once said this: “There are a lot of questions the Bible doesn’t answer about the Hereafter. But I think one answer is illustrated by the story of a boy sitting down to a bowl of spinach when there’s a chocolate cake at the end of the table. He’s going to have a rough time eating that spinach when his eyes are on the cake. And if the Lord had explained everything to us about what’s ours to come, I think we’d have a rough time with our spinach down here.”



**HGA Regional School Families, please mark your calendars:**

- School Closed for Thanksgiving- Wednesday, November 22- Monday, November 27
- Second Trimester Begins- Tuesday, November 28
- Annual Book Fair- Wednesday, November 29- Saturday, December 2
- Report Cards Issued- Monday, December 4
- Saint Nicholas Day- Wednesday, December 6
- HGA CYO Kitchen Kapers Competition- Wednesday, December 6
- Secret Santa Shop- Monday, December 11- Friday, December 15
- Annual Christmas Musical- Thursday, December 21

**Our HGA Regional School Cougar Cash 50/50 Raffle Sale has begun!**

**Last year's winner won nearly \$4500! Visit [holyguardianangelsregionalschool.square.site](http://holyguardianangelsregionalschool.square.site) to purchase your tickets to support our wonderful students!**

**Join us on our Facebook page for a live drawing on Friday, February 2, 2024 at 1p.m.**

Current HGA Student Re-Registration for the 2024-2025 School Year through December 1. A registration fee of \$120 will be applied to all FACTS accounts on January 15, 2023.

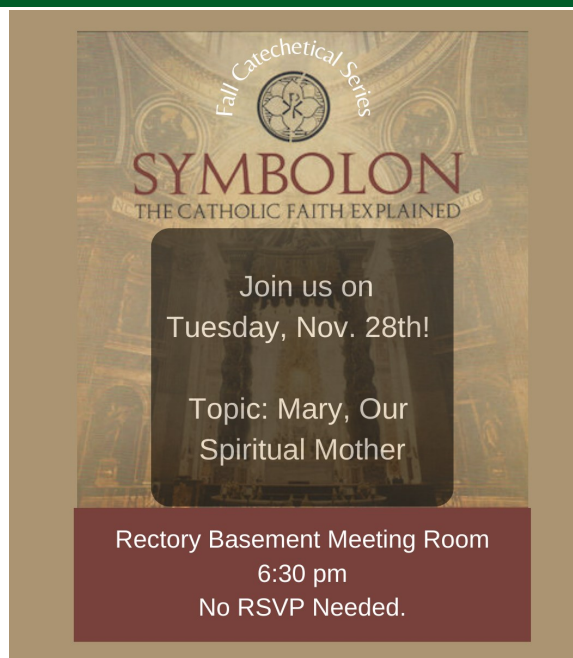
Current Cougars will automatically be re-enrolled to confirm a spot for next school year unless we are notified otherwise. Please email Kelly Prechtel at [kelpre@hgaschool.org](mailto:kelpre@hgaschool.org) if you choose not to enroll for the 2024-2025 school year. Enrollment to the public will open on January 1, 2024.



**PREP Advent Confessions will be on Sunday, December 17th at 7:00 pm. Please stay tuned for more details in the coming week!**

**There is no PREP on Sunday, November 26th. The next PREP dates, & the last dates for 2023 are December 3 & December 10.**

**Be sure to “Like” the Parish Facebook (@hgaparish) page to check out pics of our awesome Sunday mornings!**



**ADVENT CATECHETICAL SERIES FORGIVEN - BEGINS**  
*November 29*

**FIRST FRIDAY**  
*December 1*

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT BAZAAR**  
*December 2*

**ADVENT VESPERS**  
*December 3*

**ST. NICHOLAS SHOE STUFFING**  
*December 2 & 3*

**HEALING MASS**  
*December 6*

**HOPE, GRACE & ADULTING**  
*December 14*

**BAMINELLI BLESSING**  
*December 16 & 17*

**LONGEST NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE**  
*December 21*

Nocturnal Adoration Devotions in honor of The Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held at St. Paul’s Church on N. 9th & Walnut Streets. The one-hour Adoration will be held on First Friday, December 1st from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. All are welcome!

Looking for that perfect gift for Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation, Christmas & other special occasions? Visit the Canticle Gift Shop operated by the Bernadine Franciscan Sisters at their Motherhouse!

The Canticle Gift Shop is open by appointment. Call Sister Shaun Patrica Malone at 610-301-3834 to set up your shopping time. The shop offers inspirational and religious gifts including medals and rosaries, statues, crucifixes, Christmas items, and much more!

The shop honors Visa, Mastercard, and personal checks and is located adjacent to Alvernia at the McGlinn Conference & Spirituality Center, 460 Bernadine Street, Reading, PA 19607.

**Berks Opera Company  
and Albright College present  
Amahl And the Night Visitors**

**A Christmas Story in Music for All Ages**

A disabled boy lives alone in the holy land with his widowed mother. He often tells tall tales, so when he says a star as big as a window is overhead, she has doubts. But when three kings arrive, journeying with precious gifts for a wondrous child, miracles happen. Dec., 2, 7 pm & Dec., 3, 3 pm. Albright College Chapel \$10 adults, kids and students free.



**17th Annual Polish Christmas Eve "WIGILIA"** sponsored by the Polish American Heritage Assoc. of Berks Co. will be held Sunday, Dec. 17th at the DoubleTree Hotel in Reading. There will be a cocktail hour from 4:30-5:30 pm followed by breaking and sharing of the Christmas Wafer, Dinner Singing of Christmas Carols and Assorted Desserts, Coffee & Tea. Cost: Adult member \$65; Non-Member \$75. 12 years & younger of member \$45, non-member child \$50. For questions, contact Henry M. Pruski 610-372-1279 after 7pm. **For More Info:** There are invitation/reservation forms (*including menu*) at all church entrances.

**SUPPORT LIFELINE: SEW A SEED OF HOPE!**

For 50 years, Lifeline has been helping women facing difficult circumstances find that love, hope, and abundance in their own lives. Lifeline has been helping women find the strength to choose LIFE and to meet the challenges with new skills, deeper support, and strengthened relationships. **HOPE WHEN NONE EXISTS** ... Our clients thank YOU! To donate to Lifeline Of Berks County online go to [lifelineofberks.org/donate/](http://lifelineofberks.org/donate/) or contact them at 612 Reading Ave., West Rdg., 19611 or phone 610-374-8545. Lifeline is in need of baby formula particularly Similac Advance and Enfamil Gentlease. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

