



## MASS SCHEDULE

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

**Daily** – Monday through Friday 8:00 am

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

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

**Office Hours** – Mon.-Thur. 9:00 am -4:00 pm. Fri. 9:00am- 12:00 pm

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**Bulletin Submissions**

Deadline for submissions for Bulletin - Friday Noon. Please email notices to [tchrist@hgaparish.com](mailto:tchrist@hgaparish.com).

**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**

Mike Rusak - Grand Knight 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**

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Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service  
If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse reporting service at [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.



# MASS Intentions

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

## Monday, January 15

8:00 am Michael McDermott, requested by Helen Bruno

## Tuesday, January 16

8:00 am Mary Anne Becker, requested by Kay and Preston Scoboria

## Wednesday, January 17

### St. Anthony, Abbot

8:00 am Alfred Alvine, requested by the Alvine Family

## Thursday, January 18

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins

8:00 am Cathy Kennedy, requested by Jeff and Laura Wilson

## Friday, January 19

8:00 am Frank Matarazzo, requested by Rocky and Mary Guidotto

9:30 am (School Mass) Hattie Petrowski, requested by Linda and Charlie Schwartz

## Sunday, January 21

Saturday Vigil

4:00 pm Living and Deceased Parishioners

Sunday

8:00 am Joyce Kozlowski, requested by Carol Kalin

9:45 am Mario DeSantis, requested by Sue DeSantis

11:30 am Tammy Swavely, requested by Parents and Brothers

## SANCTUARY LAMP & CANDLE INTENTIONS Week of January 14, 2024

**Sanctuary Lamp in Church:** Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Sanctuary Candle in Chapel:** Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Blessed Mother Candles:** In Memory of Dorothy & William Matz requested by Daughter, Son-in-Law & Family; In Memory of Aunt Jude requested by Cathie & Tony Wiencek. **St. Joseph Candles:** In Memory of C.J.Z.; In Memory of Jane Schaefer, 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.**

Wednesday, January 17th will mark Barbara Aregood's last day as Bulletin Editor for Holy Guardian Angels!

Barbara has been a vital member of the HGA Rectory Staff for 10 years. Please keep Barbara, her husband, and family in your prayers as she enters this new chapter! We are grateful and thankful for Barbara's service to our Parish and its parishioners

*Thank you & God Bless You, Barbara!*

## Padre's Piece

### The Book of Numbers

The fourth book of the Pentateuch in the Old Testament, Numbers takes its name from the censuses recounted at the beginning and near the end of the book. This book continues the story of the Exodus and ends with the arrival of the Israelites just outside the Promised Land.

Numbers tells the story of the long wanderings of the Israelites through the wilderness, from Mount Sinai to the very edge of Canaan. It also gives us important information about their lives while they were in the wilderness, including two censuses taken a generation apart.

Numbers gives us only highlights of the long journey, the stories that impart key lessons. Numbers is a meditation on God's working through history to form his people and to teach them obedience through difficult and arduous trails. He displays his love and concern for them in many ways, most notably by guiding them across the wilderness with the pillar of cloud and fire, feeding them with food and drink, and saving them from the evil magic of their enemies by transforming curses to blessing. In return, the Israelites proved ungrateful. They complained throughout the journey, and they demanded meat instead of manna. The Israelites looked back longingly to their days in Egypt and often wished to go back to the land of their enslavement.

What should have been a brief journey was stretched out over decades so the penalty could be paid through the deaths of the disinherited generation. Only after a second generation was born and had grown to adulthood were the Israelites permitted to enter the Land of Canaan.



John Luppino, 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, Ramona Teahan, Marian & Al Masi, Beverly Oudinot, Thomas Greth, Damaris Diaz, Zac Schneider, Jim Selig, Peg Devine, Anne Lazar, Linda Swavely, Loretta Gaetani, Anne Semmel, Sadie West. Names will remain on the list for one month.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Sunday, January 14** - Confession 7:15, 9:20, and 11:05 am; Mass 8:00, 9:45, and 11:30 am; PREP 8:15 am

**Monday, January 15** - Mass 8:00 am; Berks Catholic Softball Practice 3:00 pm; CYO Grades 5/6 Basketball Practice 5:00 pm; CYO Girls Basketball Practice 6:00 pm; Girl Scouts 6:30 pm; School Dine Out at YOGO Crazy, 4:00-9:00 pm; School Dine out at Austin's and Coastal Grill

**Tuesday, January 16** - Mass 8:00 am; CYO Grades 4/5 Basketball Practice 4:00 pm; School Board Meeting 5:30 pm; CYO Boys Basketball Practice 6:00 pm; Home & School Meeting 6:00 pm; Symbolon Part II - The Eucharist: Source & Summit of Christian Life 6:30 pm. NOTE: The Rectory will be closed from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm.

**Wednesday, January 17** - Mass 8:00 am; Adoration 8:30 am until Benediction at 6:00 pm; Confessions 8:30 am and 5:15 pm; CYO Grades 5/6 Basketball Practice 5:00 pm; CYO Girls Basketball Practice 6:00 pm; Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:00 pm; Beloved Bible Study 6:30 pm

**Thursday, January 18** - Mass 8:00 am; CYO Grades 4/5 Basketball Practice 4:00 pm; CYO Boys Basketball Practice 6:00 pm; Hope, Grace & Adulthood 6:30 pm; BSA Troop 161 6:30 pm; Legion of Mary 6:30 pm; Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm

**Friday, January 19** - Mass 8:00 am; School Mass 9:30 am

**Saturday, January 20** - Diocesan Spanish Theology and Ministerial Program 8:00 am; Polish Food Sale Pick Up 2:00-4:00 pm; Confession 3:15 pm; Vigil Mass (with Live Stream) 4:00 pm

**Sunday, January 21** - Confession 7:15 am, 9:20 am, 11:05 am; Mass 8:00 am, 9:45 am, 11:30 am; PREP 8:15 am; Doors Open for Bingo 12:30 pm, 1st Game Called at 2:00 pm; St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 12:45 pm; CYO Basketball Games (Girls 1:30 pm, Boys 2:40 pm); Cub Scouts Pack 161 5:00 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.

Upcoming special order dates are: January 21 and February 4 & 18. Orders must be received by 1:00 pm and will be available for pick up the Thursday after the Order Date and then before/after Masses that weekend.

- Shine bright and shop for Valentine's Day at Kendra Scott - eGift cards available in \$50 and \$100 amounts.
- Earnings for Petco gift cards have increased from 5% to 9% eGift cards and \$25 physical gift cards are available.
- Physical gift cards are now available from Chewy in \$25 and \$100 amounts, in addition to existing eGift cards available in \$5-\$500 amounts.

Here are some ways you can earn money for the parish and/or your tuition account with gift cards every day without a lot of extra planning. All you have to do is use gift cards to buy common items like these :

**Gas & groceries:** The household essentials that every family needs. Pay for your weekly gas and grocery bills with gift cards and watch your earnings add up.

**Daily coffee runs:** Coffee, tea, bagel, pastry? Whatever your guilty pleasure is, enjoy it knowing you're earning a little something special.

**Streaming services:** As temperatures start dropping, get cozy on the couch with your favorite flicks. Watch some new releases or enjoy your go-to TV shows.

Buy gift cards for all your everyday shopping on the Raise Right mobile app or website. You can search by brand or filter your search by category to see all of the gift cards available!

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.

## We're Hiring!

**Holy Guardian Angels seeks Parish Secretary and Staff Administrative Assistant.**

**Please visit the website for more information and to submit a cover letter and resume!**

### SERVER/LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE - JANUARY 20 & 21

	4:00 pm	8:00 am	9:45 am	11:30 am
<b>Servers</b>	Dominic Delgado Madelyn Glessner Patrick Manczak	William Johns Sophia Lezette Mikaela Schmeck	Elijah Kopp Lia Martina Laceda Cody Toplak	Diego Gonzalez Collin Kroenig Evan Kroenig
<b>Lector</b>	Georjean Jones	Beth Slater	Carolyn Toplak	Sherry Gonzalez
<b>EM</b>	Diane Choiniere Denise LeVan	Geroge Lehman Anthony J. Wiencek	Cathy Moyer Jennifer Toplak-Sedlacek	Kelli Glembocki Martha Weida

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday, January 15 1 Sm 15: 16-23; Mk 2:18-22  
 Tuesday, January 16 1 Sm 16: 1-13; Mk 2: 23-28  
 Wednesday, January 17 1 Sm 17: 32-33,37, 40-51;  
 Mk 3:1-6 St. Anthony, Abbot  
 Thursday, January 18 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19 ;1-7; Mk 3:7-  
 12 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins  
 Friday, January 19 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19  
 Saturday, January 20 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12; 19, 23-27;  
 Mk 3:20-21 St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St.  
 Sebastian, Martyr  
 Sunday, January 21 Jon 3:1-5,10; 1 Cor 7: 29-31;  
 Mk 1:14-20

Next week our parish will receive The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).



## LAST WEEK *Collection* ©JPPC

STEWARDSHIP	JANUARY 7
WEEKLY	\$11,716.00
LOOSE	\$632.00
CANDLES	\$205.76
EMERGENCY	\$520.00
MAINTENANCE	\$180.00
MORTGAGE	\$255.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$4,140.00
SOLEMNITY OF MARY	\$880.00
OTHER	\$240.00
TOTAL	\$18,768.76

### Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson 1 Samuel 3: 3b-10; 1 Corinthians 6: 13c-15a, 17-20; John 1: 35-42

Sometimes Church language gives its own meanings to words we already know. For example, you and I recognize that “see” describes either the physical gift of eyesight or the mental ability to get the point of a story or proposal. But in what I’ll label “Church speak,” the word “see” describes a bishop’s territory. So, for example, we have the “See” of Camden or Kalamazoo, or whatever.

Today we confront a particular meaning attached to the word “ordinary” again in Church circles. We generally think of the word as an adjective indicating “the usual” or “expected” way of someone or something.

But move over to the Church lexicon and the same word translates either to a legal description of a Catholic bishop who heads a diocese or to the label of a certain season of the Church year.

Case in point is the designation of this particular Sunday as the “Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.” What that means is that we are not celebrating a particular great feast and its lead up, such as the Advent-Christmas cycle we just lived through, and the much larger Lent-Easter cycle. Instead, we are invited to dwell in depth on other events in Our Lord’s earthly life, or perhaps one of His immortal sayings.

Today, for example, we have a powerful message set before us by St. Paul, our greatest missionary. It is found in today’s Second Reading from his First Letter to the Corinthians. It is a straightforward expression of how we Christians are to regard our bodies. Paul tells us that any aberrations of his teaching would constitute serious mortal sin. We cannot help but note that this teaching is a direct contradiction of the mindset we’ve been warring against since the sexual revolution occurred in the 1980’s. Suffice it to cite the overused slogan: “It’s my body and I can do what I want with it.”

We’ve been thinking here in terms of the ordinary and its opposite, which leads to this vignette: There once was a prosperous farmer named Harry who decided to go to Mass one Sunday. After Mass, he approached the pastor with great enthusiasm: “Father, that was a damned good homily - damned good!” The priest shook his head, saying, “I’m delighted you were pleased with it, Harry, but it would be nice if you didn’t use those terms expressing yourself.”

“Can’t help it, Father,” Harry shrugged, “but I still think it was a damned good homily - and I put \$500 in the collection basket.” The priest gulped: “The hell you did!” God love you and give you His peace.

## The St. Vincent de Paul Weekly News

### STOCKING THE FREEZER - Giving Hope To Those In Need

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is organizing a chili drive during the month of January. We are "Stocking The Freezer" for New Journey Outreach. Our goal is to serve 300 hearty, chili lunches!



How can you help? Consider taking an aluminum pan and a copy of the chili recipe. Recipe must be made as written – NO SUBSTITUTIONS. Each pan of chili serves 30 individuals.

Once you've made the chili, refrigerate or freeze it and bring it with you to Mass. Chili will be received at the main entrance of the church before all masses on January 20 & 21 and 27 & 28.

**LOOKING AHEAD IN 2024** - Valentine's for Seniors & Shut Ins. Stay tuned for details & info!

**SVdP meets on the 3rd Sunday every other month at 12:45 pm in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room. The dates for 2024 are listed below.**



January 21st

March 17th

May 19th

July 21st

September 22nd

November 17th

**To contact the Society at any time, please email [svdp@hgaparish.com](mailto:svdp@hgaparish.com) or call 610-921-2729 (option 4, then option 1).**



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### The Bible Collection - Genesis

Experience the epic tale of creation in this Christian anthology that details the stories of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, and Noah and the Ark.

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



St. Paul's Parish in Downtown Reading will hold its **SIXTH ANNUAL ONE FAMILY GALA** on Sunday, March 3, 2024, at the DoubleTree by Hilton beginning with a cash bar at 5:00 pm followed by dinner at 6:00 pm. There will also be an opportunity to participate in a basket raffle.

This year's GALA will call attention to **CRIME ALERT OF BERKS COUNTY**, which just celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year. Downtown areas in cities of all sizes have become overly congested and increasingly crime-ridden, and Reading is certainly no exception. **CRIME ALERT** has been a welcome response to this worsening trend.

The Featured Speaker will be Madison Winchester, President of the Berks County Chiefs of Police. The recipient of **ST. PAUL'S ONE FAMILY AWARD** will be **CRIME ALERT BERKS COUNTY**. The award will be accepted by Rick Perian-di, President of **CRIME ALERT BERKS COUNTY**.

Tickets are \$75 per person, which includes entrée options and are available from St. Paul's Church by calling 610-372-1531 or email to [stpaulsrchurch@comcast.net](mailto:stpaulsrchurch@comcast.net). The deadline for reservations is February 12, 2024.

## Catholic Resource of the Week

### 3 Minute Retreat

Access 3 Minute Retreats online or sign up for daily emails!

3-Minute Retreats invite you to take a short prayer break right at your computer. Spend some quiet time reflecting on a Scripture passage.

Knowing that not everyone prays at the same pace, you have control over the pace of the retreat. After each screen,

a Continue button will appear. Click it when you are ready to move on. If you are new to online prayer, the basic timing of the screens will guide you through the experience. Visit their Facebook page @3MinuteRetreat for more information!



# HGA Regional School Cougar Cash 50/50 Raffle

Drawing: Live on Facebook, Friday, February 2, 2024 at 1:00 pm

Last year's winner received over \$4,500! Get your tickets today!

Scan the QR code or visit [www.holyguardianangelsregionalschool.square.site](http://www.holyguardianangelsregionalschool.square.site). You may also purchase tickets at the school office Monday-Friday from 8:30 am - 2:00 pm. Cash or checks accepted. Please make checks payable to HGA.



Deadline for purchasing tickets is Monday, January 29, 2024.

1 Ticket for \$5

5 Tickets for \$20

30 Tickets for \$100



## Be a Saint

Berks Catholic High School prepares students to be college & life ready! **COME BE PART OF SOMETHING GREAT!**

### Berks Catholic High School Open House

**Tuesday, Jan. 30th | 5:30-7:00p.m.**

To schedule a confidential meeting to hear about how to Be a Saint, please email [nsmith@berkscatholic.org](mailto:nsmith@berkscatholic.org)

[berkscatholic.org](http://berkscatholic.org)

Come feel the energy of the Berks Catholic community! Open registration for new students, activity fair, tours, speak with teachers and administrators.! Please RSVP at: <https://forms.gle/GA1wnt4wp4aM2x9G9>.

Partner School and PREP School Night at Berks Catholic- Tuesday, January 30th- Boys Basketball. JV starts at 6. All Partner and PREP students admitted for free. Wear your school or BC spirit wear.

## HOPE, GRACE AND ADULTING

**Attention Young Adults (21-35)! Please join us for the next Hope, Grace & Adulting Gathering on Thursday, January 18th at 6:30 pm at the Rectory. Food & drink provided by the Padre. Discussion begins at 7:00 pm. Please RSVP to Kylie at 610-781-0384 if you would like to attend!**

LOSS OF SPOUSE SEMINAR-Living a Life Honoring their Memory. Monday, February 5, 2024 at 7:00 pm. St. Catharine's Church, 2427 Perkiomen Ave. Registration required and details found at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org).

**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.**

Videos & voting is now live for Cooks with Collars 2024! Remember - all voting proceeds remain with our parish! The goal is to raise at least \$17,000 to cover the costs for repairing and restoring the walkways and bricks around the front of our Church and the curbs, ramp, and sidewalks on the Chapel-side entrance. The repairs are needed for everyone's safety. Scan the QR code or visit [www.cookswithcollars.org](http://www.cookswithcollars.org) to vote today! Votes may also be dropped off or mailed to the rectory, or placed in the collection basket. Thank you for your support in this fun competition.



P.S. Father Hoffa really, really, really wants to win this year!

**THE FIRST SUNDAY BINGO OF 2024!**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21st**

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

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



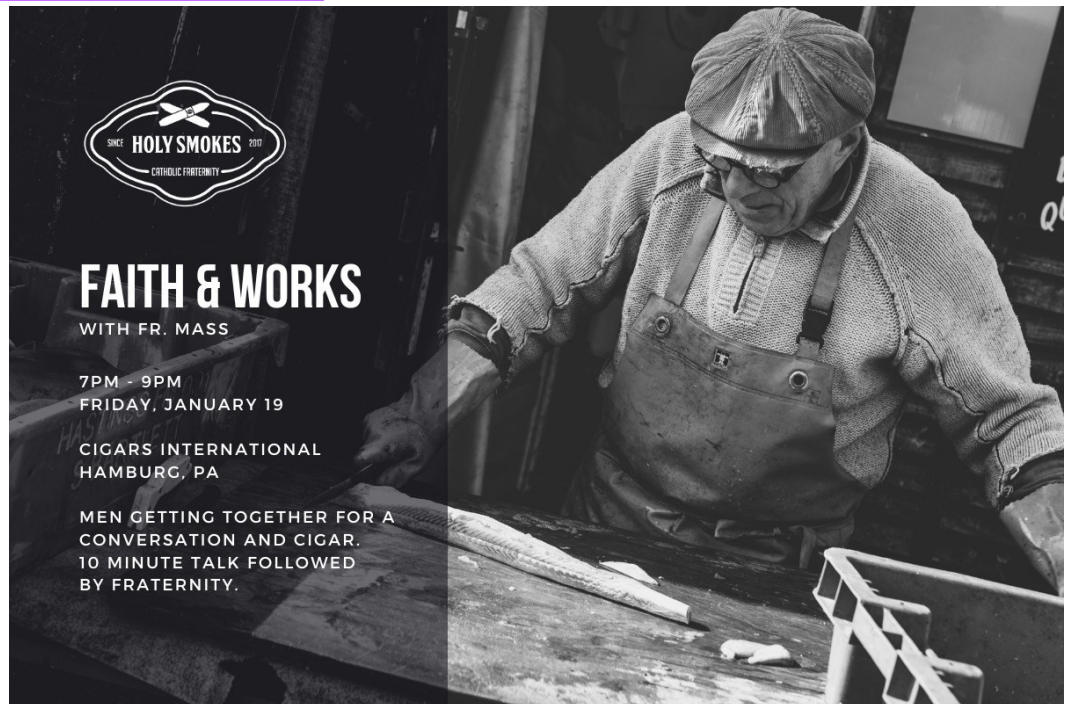
**The progressive jackpot on January 21st will be \$700!**  
**What a great way to start the year!**



Are you missing calls from Father Hoffa?

If you are not signed up for Parish Cast, please contact Tricia Christ at 610-921-2729, ext. 2202 to make sure your contact information is included in the next call! Also, if your information has recently changed, please let us know that as well.

Thank you.



**FAITH & WORKS**

WITH FR. MASS

7PM - 9PM  
 FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

CIGARS INTERNATIONAL  
 HAMBURG, PA

MEN GETTING TOGETHER FOR A CONVERSATION AND CIGAR. 10 MINUTE TALK FOLLOWED BY FRATERNITY.



Join us on  
 Tuesday, Jan. 16th!

Topic: The Eucharist:  
 Source & Summit of  
 Christian Life

Rectory Basement Meeting Room  
 6:30 pm  
 No RSVP Needed.

Have you ordered your delicious Polish Food yet? The deadline for orders of homemade Halupki, Haluski, and Mrs. P's Pierogies is Wednesday, January 17th! Don't forget the Kowalonek's Kielbasy! Visit the website or scan the QR code to order online!



*Scan me*





HGA Regional School Families, please mark your calendars:

**COUGAR CASH!**

**Our HGA Regional School Cougar Cash 50/50 Raffle Sale has begun! Last year's winner won nearly \$4,500! Visit [holygurdianangelsregionalschool.square.site](http://holygurdianangelsregionalschool.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 1:00 pm.**

New Student Registration for the 2024-2025 school year will open on January 1, 2024. If you are interested in learning more about joining our amazing family, please email Head of School, Kelly Prechtl at [kelpre@hgaschool.org](mailto:kelpre@hgaschool.org) to set up a tour today! Current students will be automatically be re-enrolled with a registration fee charged to the FACTS tuition account on January 15.

HGA Regional School will be closed on MLK Day, Monday, January 15. We will be hosting several Dine Out Events that day at Austin's, Coastal Grill, and YOGO Crazy. Please show our fliers or mention HGA to support our school!

**Upcoming EVENTS**

**SCHOOL DINE OUT**  
*January 15*

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
*January 16*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING**  
*January 17*

**HOPE, GRACE & ADULTING**  
*January 18*

**SVDP MEETING**  
*January 21*

**POLISH FOOD SALE PICK UP**  
*January 20*

**1ST SUNDAY BINGO OF 2024**  
*January 21*

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING**  
*January 22*

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS**  
*January 28*

**PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS, 2024**

**DAILY OFFERING PRAYER:** O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and of all Apostles of Prayer, and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month:



**JANUARY - Gift of Diversity in the Church**

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals of the Catholic Church.

**First Friday Devotions**  
**Friday, February 2, 2024**


- 7:00 am Exposition
- 7:00-7:40 am Confessions
- 7:45 am Benediction
- 8:00 am Daily Mass




**Knight News!**

The next Knights of Columbus Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room. The Knights of Columbus Rosary Rally will be held the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm in the Chapel. The next date will be Wednesday February 7, 2024.

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.



Lifeline of Berks County is announcing an exciting job opportunity for a registered nurse or physician's assistant who has a passion for life and a willingness to focus on the life-saving work of providing options information to women, STI testing and treatment, and connecting health history information to protecting future reproductive health. This position is initially part time with the possibility of learning to provide ultrasound and/or grow into full time. Contact Stephanie Conrad at 610-374-8545 or sconrad@lifelineofberks.org for an application.



**The St. Francis Hospice Home in Shillington** is in need of additional volunteers to help provide compassionate, loving care to its residents. Please come and shadow one of our volunteers and see if you are being called to provide this blessed ministry. No medical back-ground is required, just a willing heart. Any amount of time can help. For more info please contact Cathy Goss at 484-645-3981.


**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!



**RETRouvaille**  
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES


Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties, or crises.

The next program begins the weekend of February 16-18, 2024 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.




**Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal**

Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the Because We are Catholic Annual Appeal. Your gift will allow our Diocese to meet the many and varied needs of people in our community. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how big or small. If you did not take the opportunity to make your gift, you may do so at any time over the next few weeks by placing your pledge form in the collection basket or visiting the Appeal website at [BecauseWeAreCatholic.org](http://BecauseWeAreCatholic.org). Thank you for your support.



**Prayer Shawl Ministry**  
KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

HGA's Prayer Shawl Ministry will provide shawls or lap blankets to anyone who would like one; they do not have to be a member of our parish. If you know someone who would like the comfort of a shawl or lap blanket, please contact Pat Hansbury (at 610-698-4327/ [phansbury16@gmail.com](mailto:phansbury16@gmail.com)) or Barbara Aregood (Tues. or Wed. 9-4 at 610-921-2729 ext. 2201.)



The St. Monica Ministry is both a dedicated community and a prayer network offering hope and support to the families and friends of fallen-away Catholics. In addition to monthly Holy Hours, the ministry holds bimonthly meetings consisting of fellowship, rosary recitation, resource sharing, and a book discussion. For information on meeting dates and times, or to be added to the St. Monica Ministry mailing list, please email Celeste at [StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com](mailto:StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com).

Have you visited the new HGA Website? Everything you need to know about HGA is easy to find. Visit the "News & Events" page to stay up to date with everything that's going on currently or to print recent bulletin flyers. Click on "Bulletin" to view the current bulletin and an archive of past bulletins.

**WWW.HGAPARISH.COM**

**MONTHLY ROSARY FOR FAMILIES:** The Commission for Men will be host a monthly rosary for men and their families every 3rd Wednesday at 7:00pm. Join us to pray for peace in our nation and in our world, for an end to the coronavirus pandemic, and for an increase in vocations to religious life and priesthood – in our Diocese and throughout the Church. The rosary will be held Wed., Jan. 17, 2024. [www.menaliveinchrist.org](http://www.menaliveinchrist.org).

Single Catholic Adults (ages 40's, 50's, and 60's) are invited to a mixer on Sunday, March 26, 2023 at Hops at the Paddock in Allentown from



5:00pm-7:00pm to meet people who share your love of the Lord, the desire for friendship, love, or a sense of community. Food will be provided.

RSVP is not required, but helpful in planning. Please email Maggie Riggins at [mriggins@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:mriggins@allentowndiocese.org) to confirm you are attending.

Are you a teacher or former teacher looking to volunteer in our community and interested in teaching English as a Second Language (ESL)? Are you a history and civics buff who would enjoy volunteering to prepare community members for the USCIS Naturalization Test?

The Mother Veronica Resource Center at 449 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Reading needs someone to teach ESL on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

We are also looking for someone to teach an afternoon Citizenship Preparation class on either Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 12:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. This is a 12-week course (may go up to 14 weeks by mutual agreement). If you are interested or wish to get further information, please contact Sister Cara Garofalo at 484-516-2138 or [mveronicacenter@gmail.com](mailto:mveronicacenter@gmail.com). Thank you.

