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Daily – Monday through Friday 8:00 am

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and 11:05-11:20 am; Wednesday 8:30 am & 5:30 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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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, Fr. Hoffa, or Father Ababio.

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 Precht, 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

Grand Knight - Joe Farley
 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
 Secretary, Youth Protection
 & Catholic Human Services
 P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538
 610-871-5200, ext. 2204
prusso@allentowndiocese.org



MASS Intentions

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

Monday, August 28

St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 am Marie Schweitzer, requested by Pat Hansbury

Tuesday, August 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:00 am Corey J. Zahand

Wednesday, August 30

8:00 am Amanda Tangredi, requested by her Parents

Thursday, August 31

8:00 am Mary Jane McMenamin, requested by Brenda Reedy

9:30 am (School Mass) Jane Bender, requested by Cathie and Tony Wiencek

Friday, September 1

8:00 am Richard Readdy, requested by Georjean Jones

Sunday, September 3

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm Mike and Catherine Shade, requested by Susan Adams

Sunday

8:00 am Pat Sheldon, requested by Cathie and Tony Wiencek

9:45 am Phillip and Mary Borell, requested by Cindy Bennett

11:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners

SANCTUARY LAMP & CANDLE INTENTIONS Week of August 27, 2023

Sanctuary Lamp in Church: In Memory of Gerard and Sarah Kaiser requested by the Collins Family. **Sanctuary Candle in Chapel:** Living and Deceased Parishioners. **St. Joseph Candles:** In Memory of Richard E. Readdy requested by his daughter, Cathie Wiencek; Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Blessed Mother Candles:** Living and Deceased Parishioners. **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.**

Welcome!

NEW Parishioners

Padre's Pique
The Epiclesis

"You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness. Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ."

These words, from Eucharistic Prayer II at Mass, are called the epiclesis, or Prayer for the Sending of the Spirit. Each Eucharistic Prayer contains a slightly different epiclesis, which is a Greek word that means "to call upon."

The epiclesis reminds us that it is not simply the man in the vestments who transforms the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, but the Holy Spirit. Just as it was the Holy Spirit who conceived Christ Jesus in the womb of the Virgin Mary, so it is through the power of the Holy Spirit that Christ becomes sacramentally present.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, in paragraph 1105, says this: "The Epiclesis is the intercession in which the priest begs the Father to send the Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier, so that the offerings may become the body and blood of Christ and the faithful, by receiving them, may themselves become a living offering to God."

For further study: CCC 1105-1106, 1353.

Pray FOR THE SICK

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, Vincent La Fata, Harmony Chiccarine, Aubrielle Beidler, Barbara Coco, Kim Bonner, Mary Ann Wensus, Danean Poticher, Elaine Evans, Frank D'Angelo, Courtney Kelly, Damaris Diaz, Lisa Wrede, Bob Desherlia, Mary Ann McNally, Doris Day, Richard Rothenberger, Serge Kuschick, Jeff Strader, Albina Thompson, Joan Adams, Carol Semanchick, John Gaetani, Kirsten Snyder, Robert Brannon, Jan Warischalk, 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. **Names will remain on the list for one month.**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, August 27 - Confession 7:15, 9:20, and 11:05 am; Mass 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 am; Doors Open for Bingo 12:30 pm, 1st Game Called at 2:00 pm

Monday, August 28 - Mass 8:00 am; 1st Day of School 9:00 am; Finance Council Meeting 6:30 pm; Girl Scouts Mtg. 6:30 pm

Tuesday, August 29 - Mass 8:00 am; CYO Volleyball Practice 4:00 pm; CYO Cross Country Practice 6:00 pm; Girl Scouts 6:30 pm

Wednesday, August 30 - Mass 8:00 am; followed by Adoration until 6:00 pm with Benediction; Confessions 8:30 am and 5:15 pm; CYO Cross Country Practice 6:00 pm

Thursday, August 31 - Mass 8:00 am; School Mass 9:30 am; CYO Volleyball Practice 4:00 pm; CYO Cross Country Practice 6:00 pm; BSA Troop 161 6:30 pm; Legion of Mary 6:30 pm

Friday, September 1 - First Friday Devotions 7:00 am; Mass 8:00 am

Saturday, September 2 - Confession 4:15 pm; Vigil Mass (Live-Streamed) 5:00 pm

Sunday, September 3 - Confession 7:15, 9:20, and 11:05 am; Mass 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 am; Doors open for BINGO 12:30 pm & 1st game called at 2:00 pm; BSA Troop 161 Committee Meeting 6:00 pm



Angel Earnings News

Special Order Date: September 10th

Orders must be received by 12:30 pm and will be available for pick up on Thursday afternoon after the Order Date and then before/after Masses that weekend.

Wendy's is back in stock and even better - now available in \$25 gift cards!

Back-to-school season is here! Use gift cards for all things fall - last-minute shopping trips, chilly fall evenings, and the start of new routines.

HGA has partnered with RaiseRight to make purchasing gift cards even easier. Use the RaiseRight App to purchase gift cards on the go or standing in line waiting to check out!

Scan the QR code to download the app and start saving today!

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. 2016 or email amalinowski@hgaparish.com.



The Flowers at the Blessed Mother's Altar are in Loving Memory of Albert Kuberski, requested by his wife, Mary Ann.

SERVER/LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 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	11:30
Servers	Madelyn Glessner Patrick Manczak Meredith Swavely	William Johns Sophia Lezette Mikaela Schmeck	Collin Kroenig Evan Kronig Marcus Rundle	Dominic Delgado Dane Prechtl Vincent Tartaglia
Lector	Sister Mary Ann	Frank Krotulski	Wendy Freeman	Sherry Gonzalez
EM	Mark Semprini Tina Semprini	George Lehman Frank Ligenza	Diane Choiniere Cathie Wiencek	Lillian Hart Martha Weida



Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b - 10; Mt 23:13-22 St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Tuesday: 1 Thes. 2: 1-8; Mk 6:17-29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist
 Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32
 Thursday: 1 Thes 3: 7 -13; Mt 24:42-51
 Friday: 1 Thes 4:1- 8; Mt 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Thes : 9-11; Mt 25:14- 30
 Sunday: Jer 20: 7-9; Rom 12: 1-2; Mt 16: 21-27

SAVE THE DATE!

The 2nd Annual “Throwing with the Angels” Cornhole Tournament is set for Saturday, October 7, 2023! \$50 per team. Cash prizes! Stay tuned for details & registration info!



LAST WEEK *Collection* ©JPPC

STEWARDSHIP	AUGUST 20
WEEKLY	\$10,271.00
LOOSE	\$921.60
CANDLES	\$214.00
MORTGAGE	\$25.00
EMERGENCY	\$390.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$3,442.00
ASSUMPTION	\$2,215.00
OTHER	\$110.00
TOTAL	\$17,588.60

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) or Barbara Aregood at 610-921-2729 ext.2201 or email baregood@hgaparish.com.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19; Romans 8: 20-27; Matt 13: 24-43, or 13: 24-30

Often enough, the setting of a message enhances its importance. On Superbowl Sunday, for example, any commercial for products from Pepsi to Pepto-Bismol, gains a wide audience. Sponsors don’t mind the cost of their ads based on that assumption.

Today’s gospel reading brings us to a momentous step in Our Lord’s life. But the setting is not to be discounted. After the polling of His Apostles about His identity, He appoints Peter as “the Rock” foundation of the brand-new Church. His words would one day appear carved with 4-foot-high gold lettering around the base of the dome in the Vatican Basilica named for this same Peter buried below it.

But what about that original setting? Caesarea Philippi was at the time a city located about 25 miles northeast of Galilee, within the area ruled by Herod’s son Philip the tetrarch. It held a mainly non-Jewish population. Its central feature was a huge temple, which Philip had enriched with a facade of glistening marble. Philip had renamed it Caesarea, which means “Caesar’s town.” Obviously to curry favor from the emperor. Then he had the gall to add his own name “Philipi” to guarantee that he’d get the credit. The Jewish historian Josephus was to write that “No one could look at the town, even from a distance without seeing that pile of white shining marble and thinking of the might and divinity of Rome.” Into that magnificent setting comes a homeless and penniless Galilean Jew, a young carpenter with twelve very ordinary men. Here he led an extraordinary conversation that St. Matthew allows us to “overhear.”

From this whole scene I derive three characteristics of Jesus that draw me to Him, and hopefully you as well. First of all, He certainly had a healthy flair for the dramatic. I say “healthy” to differentiate Him from showoffs and dictators the world over, who devise parades to buttress their egos and intimidate their people. Our Lord knew that long ago day that this conversation would be included in the gospel. He also knew that we would hear or read about it in the future. So, we would picture its setting. Second, Jesus’ conviction and self-confidence about the rightness of His mission, with no intimidation from the world. He certainly was not a frightened rube from a small town overwhelmed by a type of Times Square. All of that was fluff to Him. At best a second Tower of Babel destined for destruction. Third, and most importantly, Jesus’ willingness to forgive Peter his well-documented faults. This former Simon bar Jonah would become St. Peter. A preacher of faith, knowledge, strength of conviction, and loyal love. One who would only consent to be crucified if they would do it to him upside down so as not to disrespect his Master.

The good news in all of this for us is that Jesus still has and always will have these loving characteristics in Him. As we decide to form a mature partnership with Him, relishing His example, we will tell His good news to all we meet by word and example. And then, someday, we will know Him up close and personal to experience a peace only dreamed of here on earth.

Meanwhile, we will strive to live with courage and accept the truth of this advice in the particular setting of our lives: “Don’t be afraid to go out on a limb. That’s where the fruit is.” God love you and give you His courage.

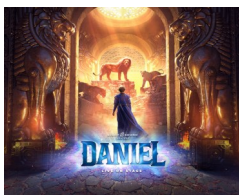


HGA Regional School Families, please mark your calendars:

- Thurs. Aug. 24, 6:00 pm - PreKindergarten and Kindergarten Orientation
- Mon. Aug. 28 - First Day of School (K-8)
- Fri. Sept. 1 through Mon. Sept. 4 - HGA Regional School Closed for Labor Day
- Tue. Sept. 5 - First Day of PreKindergarten and Aftercare
- Fri., Sept. 8 9:30 am - Grandparents' Day Blessing and Breakfast
- Tues., Sept. 12 6:00 pm - Home & School Association General Meeting
- Wed. Sept. 13 at 6:00 pm - Meet the Teacher Night (Grades 1-8)
- Sat. Sept. 16 - HSA Designer Bag Bingo, Doors open at 11:00 am, Bingo begins at 12:00 pm.

August is National Make-A-Will Month and a perfect opportunity for our HGA Regional School community to steward everything God has blessed us with. This month, we invite you to set aside time to think through your estate plan and how you can best steward what God has entrusted to you. To help you with this process, the Diocese of Allentown offers an online estate planning tool you can use to create your will for free online and safeguard all that you love. Visit FreeWill.com/AllentownDiocese to get started on your will.

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 (8:00 am - 11:00 pm). 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!



SAVE THE DATE! The HGA Seniors Club along with the Parish are co-sponsoring a trip to Sight and Sound Theater to see "Daniel" on Thursday, April 11, 2024. For further information, contact Rozanne Thompson at 610-406-3353.

Upcoming EVENTS

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
August 28

FIRST FRIDAY
September 1

LABOR DAY LOTTERY
September 4

HEALING MASS
September 6

ROSARY RALLY
September 6

SVDP at KENNEDY HOUSE
September 9

STEWARDSHIP FAIR
September 9 & 10

FIRST PREP CLASS
September 10

RED, WHITE & BLUE MASS
September 11

RCIA INFORMATION NIGHT
September 12

SENIOR CLUB MEETING
September 13

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
September 13

HGA SCHOOL PURSE BINGO
September 16

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING
September 17



WIN \$10,000 CASH!!

The Berks Catholic High School Extravaganza Cash Raffle tickets are now available. The drawing will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7th during the Extravaganza 2023 event. Donation \$100. To buy raffle tickets, please send your check with return address and phone number to: Berks Catholic Extravaganza, 955 E. Wyomissing Blvd., Reading, PA 19611. If you would like to receive an invitation to attend Extravaganza, please call the Extravaganza Office at 610-374-1695.

“Thank you, Holy Guardian Angels parishioners for your generous support of Lifeline’s Christmas in July project. Being able to offer material assistance to women who choose LIFE and those who, through their circumstances, are at-risk of abortion is a vital part of the work that we do. Your gifts provide support for the women we serve so that they can take the time they need to build a future for themselves and their families. Thank you very much.”

Thank you and God bless!

-Sydney Blackburn



Get your tickets now for a Knight at the Races, September 30th, post time 6:00 pm at St. Catharine of Siena Church Social Hall, 4975 Boyertown Pike. \$30 General Admission includes fabulous pasta buffet, salad, snacks, homemade desserts, beer, wine, and soda. Name a horse for \$5! MONEY WHEEL, 50/50 drawings and door prizes. Contact Bob Hoffman at 610-779-8833 for tickets. All proceeds benefit the charitable endeavors of St. Catharine’s Knights of Columbus Council #14880. Must be 21 or over to enter.

Nocturnal Adoration Devotions in honor of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held at St. Catharine of Siena Chapel in Mt. Penn. The one-hour adoration will be held on the first Friday, September 1st from 4:00-5:00 pm. Everyone is invited!

SAVE THE DATE

MSC Oktoberfest

a celebration of love and service



Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

... the Heart of Christ in the world

Sunday October 8, 2023

MSC Program 1-4 / Grove open 12-5

Reading Liederkrantz

143 Spook Ln, Reading, PA 19606

Dance to the live music of the Josef Kroboth Band, enjoy a cold beer, purchase basket raffle and 50/50 tickets, eat authentic German food, and chat with the MSC Sisters!

To sponsor, volunteer, provide in-kind gifts, and reserve your tickets, visit mscreading.org or contact Carrie Whitmoyer at cwhitmoyer@mscreading.org.