

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 - Monday-Thursday 9:00 am to 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 tchrist@hgaparish.com.

Ministry to the Sick - Anointing of the Sick

Visits to the hospital are made on a regular basis. Please notify the Parish Office when a parishioner is in the hospital or home and would like to receive communion or anointing of the sick. The Sacrament of the Sick is available to all in need of healing. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT until death is imminent to offer your loved one this grace. Visits can also be made to those parishioners who are homebound and would like to receive communion by Eucharistic Ministers or Fr. Hoffa..

Holy Guardian Angels Regional School

We encourage all our parents to consider sending their children to Holy Guardian Angels Regional School. The school is located at 3125 Kutztown Road, Reading, PA 19605. Please contact Kelly Prechtl, 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

Mike Rusak, Grand Knight Council email: koc14847@hgaparish.com.

Wills

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.

Memorials

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.

Diocesan Victim Assistnace 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





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

Monday, February 5 St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 am Father's Day Intentions

<u>Tuesday, February 6</u> <u>Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</u>

8:00 am Bernie Shaffer, requested by Joan and family

February 7

8:00 am Alice Shaner, requested by Bob Dudek

Thursday, February 8

8:00 am Jerry Hartman, requested by Bill and Marianne Hertzog

Friday, February 9

8:00 am Marianne Faust, requested by Patricia Frederick **9:30 am (School Mass) Antonio Campitelli,** requested by Rocky and Mary Guidotto

Sunday, February 11

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm Holy Name Society

Sunday

8:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
9:45 am Kathleen McNichol, requested by Julie Sansary
11:30 am Thomas and Pauline Vernetti, requested by Tom
and Esther Vernetti

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

SANCTUARY LAMP & CANDLE INTENTIONS Week of February 4, 2024

Sanctuary Lamp in Church: In Memory of Arthur Cocroft requested by wife, Connie. Sanctuary Candle in Chapel: Living and Deceased Parishioners.. Blessed Mother Candles: In Memory of Anna and William Haines requested by Family; In Memory of Bernie Shaffer requested by Joan and family. St. Joseph Candles: In Memory of C.J.Z.; 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.



Padre's Piece The Book of Judges

The seventh book of the Old Testament and the Second of the Historical Book, Judges records the actions of charismatic leaders, called Judges, of the tribes of Israel between the death of Joshua and time of Samual – a time of spiritual and political instability, when God allowed foreign powers to oppress Israel because of the recurrent idolatry among the people. The central theme of Judges is the cycle of sin and punishment, repentance, and deliverance.

The title, "Judge" dos not suggest that the chief figures were legal experts or juridical officials; for the most part, they were military heroes commissioned by God to act as saviors and deliverers, and to guarantee the survival of Israel in times of national crisis.

The purpose of Judges is to demonstrate that the fortunes of Israel were related directly to whether the people served the Lord exclusively and observed his covenant faithfully. The account covers over three hundred years between Joshua and Samuel. The people's previous nomadic existence as shepherds was giving way to a more settled form of life with its focus on agriculture.

When the Israelites cried out, the Lord raised up Judges who saved them, but the Israelites continually provide faithless and "behaved, worse than their fathers..." and the pattern repeated. Altogether Judges lays out seven cycles of this pattern of sin, subjugation, and salvation.



Barbara Schwartz, Pattie Mihalak, James Waldman, John Perate, Cindy Klymchuk, Daniel Bastek, San-

dra 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, Loretta Gaetani, Anne Semmel, Sadie West. Names will remain on the list for one month.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, February 4 - Confession 7:15, 9:20, and 11:05 am; Mass 8:00, 9:45 (CYO Mass), and 11:30 am; PREP 8:15 am; Lifeline Baby Bottle Distribution; Baptism 12:45 am; CYO Basketball Playoffs 12:30 pm; BINGO! Doors open at 12:30pm, 1st Game Called at 2:00 pm

<u>Monday, February 5</u> - 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; CYO Meeting 6:00 pm; Girl Scouts Meeting 6:30 pm

<u>Tuesday, February 6</u> - Mass 8:00 am; CYO Grades 3/4 Basketball Practice 4:00 pm; CYO Boys Basketball Practice; First Penance Parent Meeting 6:00 pm; Symbolon Part II - Penance & Anointing of the Sick; God's Mercy Revealed 6:30 pm

<u>Wednesday, February 7</u> - Healing 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; Rosary Rally 5:30 pm; CYO Girls Basketball Practice 6:00 pm; Beloved Bible Study 6:30 pm

<u>Thursday, February 8</u> - Mass 8:00 am; Talent Show Dress Rehearsal 2:45 pm; CYO Grades 4/5 Basketball Practice 4:00 pm; CYO Boys Basketball Practice 6:00 pm; BSA Troop 161 6:30 pm; Legion of Mary 6:30 pm; Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm

<u>Friday, February 9</u> - Mass 8:00 am; School Mass 9:30 am; Deadline for Fish Dinner Orders; Talent Show Rehearsal 5:00 pm; Talent Show 7:00 pm

<u>Saturday, February 10</u> - Baptism 10:00 am; CYO Dev. Basketball Game 12:30 pm; Middle School Dance 4:00 pm; Vigil Mass (with Live Stream) 4:00 pm

Sunday, February 11 - Confession 7:15 am, 9:20 am, 11:05 am; Mass 8:00 am, 9:45 am; 11:30 am; PREP 8:15 am; Lifeline Baby Bottle Collection; CYO Basketball Playoffs 12:30 pm; Baptism 12:45 pm; Doors Open for Bingo 12:30 pm, 1st Game Called at 2:00 pm

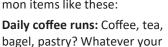


In stock gift cards for Giant, Redner's, Weis, Sheetz, and Walmart are available for purchase after all weekend Masses in the main vestibule.

Special order dates are: 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:



guilty pleasure is, enjoy it knowing you're earning a little something special.

Valentine's Day

Shop with gift cards for supplies, gifts, and more

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.

SERVER/LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE - FEBRUARY 10 & 11					
	4:00 pm	8:00 am	9:45 am	11:30 am	
Servers	Dominic Delgado Madelyn Glessner Carlos Flood	Nate Holland Sara Holland Samantha Holland	Cody Toplak Elijah Kopp Vincent Tartaglia	Diego Gonzalez Collin Kroenig Evan Kroenig	
Lector	Wendy Freeman	Anne Carroll	Carolyn Toplak	Sherry Gonzalez	
EM	Marge Collins Diane Choiniere	George Lehman Anthony J. Wiencek	Cathy Moyer Jennifer Toplak	Martha Weida Anne Marie Ferguson	

READITIGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 Mk 6:53-56 Tuesday 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday 1 Kgs 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mk 7:14 -23

Thursday 1 Kgs 11:4-13 Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 Mk 7:24-30

Friday 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 Mk 7:31-37

Saturday 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21 -22 Mk 8:1-10

Sunday Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Lk 7:16

The Flowers at the Crucifix are in Memory of Richard M. Kostival requested by wife, Helen. The Flowers at the Blessed Virgin Mary Altar and the Floral Rosary are In Memory of Frances Cronan requested by Vincent Cronan and Family. The Flowers at the St. Joseph Altar are In Memory of Richard M. Kostival requested by daughter, Cindy, and family.



STEWARDSHIP	JANUARY 21
WEEKLY	\$10,025.00
LOOSE	\$1,010.00
CANDLES	\$138.15
EMERGENCY	\$97.00
MAINTENANCE	\$80.00
MORTGAGE	\$88.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$2,133.00
CATHOLIC RELIEF	\$475.00
OTHER	\$22.00
TOTAL	\$14,068.15

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson Reading I: Job 7: 1-4, 6-7; Reading II: 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23; The Gospel: Mark 1; 29-39

Does your bank advertise itself on TV? If not, it may go to other outlets to make sure you know its ultimate message: "You can trust us." In doing so, the hope is that you will soon open an account with them. In this time of so much thievery going on, either by a masked and hooded thug approaching a victim at gunpoint across a store counter, or by the clever and callous online hacking that uses deceit as a method, pointing out the guaranteed trustworthiness of any institution is a surefire way to promote hope. In this inflationary context, do we not need to trust any entity that manages our money?

If we move over to consider our spiritual lives, which involve both a relationship with God and with our neighbor, we can easily see that we need hope, which is to trust God. That trust, which on His part neither falters nor fails, demands that we do our part to reciprocate. Our major threat is from the devil. The devil you say. Hasn't he been put on the back shelf? Out of place in our technological sophistication? Ah, but never forget that his chief strategy is to convince us that he doesn't exist. Our Lord Himself had no such doubt. He referenced Satan over thirty times in the New Testament.

God knows we see the devil's handiwork all over the place. Look how well he has done with the widespread use of pornography. The ease with which pro-abortion devotees have made the murder of children in the womb into a "women's health issue."

As we read or hear about the miraculous healings Jesus performs, both among His inner circle of friends and with anyone in need, we know He can meet any need we may have of healing. Do not be lulled into doubt by the fact that these stories took place over 2,000 years ago. That kind of thinking only damages our trust. For God a thousand years are like a day. And the Bible tells us that "Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever." If doubt starts to damage your trust, remember that the word "gospel "means "good news." That's such a matter of fact that-pardon the pun-you can "bank on it."

Once upon a time two young girls were talking and one said that she had ten pennies. The other girl looked at her hand and only saw five. She said, "You only have five pennies, silly." Then the first girl replied "I have five and my father told me he would give me five more tonight. So I have ten." She understood that her father's promise was as good as done.

God love you and give you His peace.

The St. Vincent de Paul Weekly News

VALENTINES FOR SENIORS & SHUT-INS

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is helping you spread love this Valentine's Day!

Do you know a senior or shut-in who would enjoy receiving a special treat for Valentine's Day? Names of relatives and friends will be collected after all masses the weekend of January 27 & 28 and February

be done with SOVC

3 & 4. Treats and cards will be

Treats and cards will be available for pick-up after all masses February 10 &

11 or delivered on Wednesday, February 14. Information can also be emailed to svdp@hgaparish.com.

If you would like to donate please contact svdp@hgaparish.com or call 610-921-2729 (Option 4, then Option 1).

STOCKING THE FREEZER Giving Hope to Those In Need

Lenten Outreach: Walk With Us! The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting much needed items for Mary's Shelter, St. Francis House, Berks Heim, St. Joseph's Food Pantry, and Berks Connections begin-

ning Sunday, February 18. Donations can be dropped off at the kiosks located at all church entrances.

ALWAYS IN NEED

New and gently used infant pack 'n plays. L.I.F.E. House of Berks County provides assistance to children and their families: parents, emergency or temporary caregiver, and long-term or forever homes.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Kennedy House Soup Kitchen

Loss of Spouse Seminar - living a life honoring their memory on February 5, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the St. Catharine's Church, 2427 Perkiomen Avenue. Registration is required and details may be found at griefshare.org.

Valentine's Day Lottery Tickets are on sale get them before they are gone! Purchase after all Masses or at the Rectory during regular business hours. \$1,000 would be an awesome Valentine's Day Gift!

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.

Holy Guardian Angels will be participating in a parish-wide survey! Please Read!

Holy Guardian Angels will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! We need your help!

Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey can be accessed through an online link beginning on Wednesday, February 14th. The survey will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey.

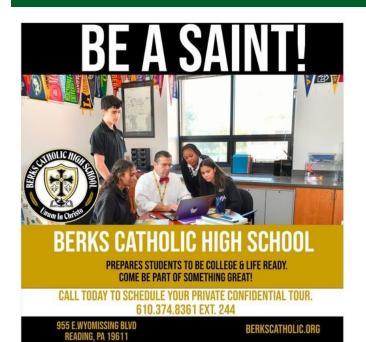


We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Father Hoffa and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

If you prefer a paper copy you may pick up a paper copy of the survey after all weekend Masses. They will be located on the center table in the main vestibule as well as the flyer racks in the side entrances. You may also pick up a survey at the Rectory during regular business hours (Mon.-Thur. 9am-4pm & Fri. 9am-12pm). To submit the completed paper survey, please mail to or drop it off at the Rectory. You may also place your completed survey in the collection basket in an enveloped marked, "Parish Survey."

If you would like to complete the survey online but do not have access to a computer, please contact Tricia Christ at 610-921-2729, ext. 2202 to set up a time to come to the rectory to complete the online survey.

Thank you for helping with this important project!





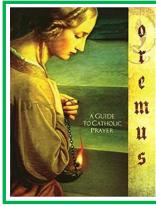




Angelorum, one of the choirs of the Diocese of Allentown, and based out of the Cathedral, is a talented group of women whose blend is angelic and filled with love of God. Their style is a perfect combination of traditional and contemporary, all of it directed toward Our Lord. Their music can be heard on Spotify, Amazon music, and many other streaming sites. Please visit their website at www.angelorumvoices.com, subscribe to their Youtube channel, and follow them on Instagram and Facebook!



Attention Young Adults! Join us for the next gathering of Hope, Grace and Adulting on Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 6:30pm at the Rectory. Food & Drink provided by the Padre. Please RSVP to Kylie at 610-781-0384.



Do you find it easy to prayer? Do you hear God's voice in your daily life and know how to respond?

Please join us for this year's Lenten Catechetical Series - Oremus, A Guide to Catholic Prayer & reinvigorate your prayer life. Learn the essentials of a Fruitful Prayer Life this Lent. Wednesday evenings at 6:30 and Thursday mornings at 9:00 am beginning on Ash Wednesday through Holy Week.

Please RSVP to Kari Mallozzi at 610-91-2729, ext. 2203 or kmallozzi@hgaparish.com.

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 to vote

visit 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!

SUNDAY BINGO! FEBRUARY 4, 2024 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.



Congratulations to the lucky winner of the \$750 Progressive Jackpot last week! The jackpot will start over this week at \$200.

Would you like to Johnsteer? Call us today! We need you!

We are always looking for new volunteers! From BINGO to Lent which is just around the corner, dinners, mailings, the Spring Craft Fair, and more. Would you like to volunteer? Please contact Tricia Christ at tchrist@hgaparish.com or call 610-921-2729, ext. 2202 to talk about what you would like to be a part of! Below are just some of the current volunteer needs.

Fish Dinner 2/16, Lenten Dinner, 3/8, Good Friday Fish Dinner 3/29

Spring Craft Bazaar - March 15 & 16 - various times & tasks available, Bake Sale Donations, Mailing Preparation

Selling Angel Earning gift cards, lottery tickets, and other seasonal items after weekend Masses.

The PREP program is in need of help for managing gym time and aids for our awesome catechists! The PREP program continues to grow - so more help is always welcome.

Would you like to help keep our church clean and beautiful each week and for special occasions? Please let us know.

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



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2024 HGA SPRING CRAFT FAIR SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

OVER 60 VENDORS, FOOD, CASH RAFFLE, BASKET RAFFLES, & MORE!

Interested in becoming a vendor? We are now taking applications for the Craft Fair. Visit www.hgaparish.com for more information or email the Craft Fair Committee at hgacrafts@hgaparish.com. Apply before February 29th and pay only \$30 - a savings of \$10!

The Committee is also 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 also 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.



We hope you will consider donating to support our Catholic Schools Week Service Project: A Food Drive for St. Joseph's Pantry. Donations can be dropped off at HGA Regional School through Monday, February 5th from 8:15am-3:15pm.

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

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!

Don't forget to order your Fish Dinners for the First Friday of Lent - February 16th! Take Out (4:00-4:30pm)
Dine In (4:30-5:30pm. PREORDER
ONLY. Adults \$14 - Dinner includes
breaded fish, Chef Wayne's mac &



cheese, stewed tomatoes, green beans, and applesauce. Kids 4-12 \$7 - dinner includes Chef Wayne's mac & cheese and applesauce. Children 3 and under are FREE! Scan the QR Code or visit www.hgaparish.com to order online before Friday, February 9th.

SCAN ME

FRIDAY

Paper order forms are available at all Church entrances and can also be picked up at the Rectory during regular business hours. Thank you for your continued support!



LIFELINE BABY BOTTLE DISTRIBUTION February 3 & 4

CYO MEETING February 5

HEALING MASS February 7

HGARS MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE *March 10*

DONUT PICK UP DAY February 12

VALENTINE'S DAY LOTTERY
February 14

ASH WEDNESDAY
LENTEN BIBLE SERIES BEGINS
February 14

HGA SENIORS MEETING FRIDAY FISH DINNER February 16

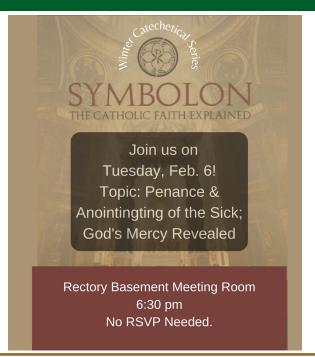
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING February 19

PEN 2 PAPER MEETING February 21

HOPE, GRACE & ADULTING February 22



Knight News! 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. The next Knights of Columbus Meeting is Wednesday, February 21st at 7:00 pm (door opens at 6 pm) in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room. Reading Royals with the Knights Saturday, March 2nd. Information online at https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Hgaknights



The Catholic Writers Guild is hosting their annual online writing conference February 23-24.

It features presentations on faith and writing, chances to meet fellow authors, and opportunities to pitch to Catholic publishers like Ave Maria and Chrism Press. It's totally online—no travel!—and costs \$60. Learn more at https://catholicwritersguild.org/



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 BecauseWeAre-Catholic.org.

Thank you for your support.



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/phansbu-

ry16@gmail.com) or Barbara Aregood (610-939-0886 or email rgba5965@comcast.net).



THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST



"PRESENCE" BY LILLIAN FALLON FEB 26 - ST. AMBROSE, SCHUYLKILL HAVEN



"MEAL" BY KRISTIN OSENBACH MARCH 11 - SS. PETER AND PAUL, LEHIGHTON

"HOLY" BY FR. JOHN TRIGILIO
MARCH 18 - ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA, ALLENTOWN

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