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Daily – Monday through Friday 8:00 am

Confessions – Saturday 4:15-4:45 pm; Sunday 7:15-7:45, 9:20-9:35,
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, September 25

8:00 am Intentions of Ramon Humberto Cortes and Edilia Carreno Wilches on their 36th Wedding Anniversary

Tuesday, September 26

8:00 am Deceased of the Galvin Family, requested by Anne Lesko

Wednesday, September 27 Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:00 am Living and Deceased Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society

Thursday, September 28

8:00 am Joseph and Margaret Dombroski

Friday, September 29

Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

8:00 am Jerry Hartman, requested by Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Wilson

9:30 am (School Mass) Al Kuberski, requested by Barbara Aregood

Sunday, October 1

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm Joseph Kunstek, requested by Arelene Kunstek

Sunday

8:00 am Giacomina Morganti, requested by Luigi Morganti

9:45 am Living and Deceased Parishioners

11:30 am Mario DeStantis, requested by Sue DeSantis

SANCTUARY LAMP & CANDLE INTENTIONS Week of September 24, 2023

Sanctuary Lamp in Church: Living and Deceased Parishioners.

Sanctuary Candle in Chapel: In Memory of Joseph and Sophia Dziedzic, requested by Family. **St. Joseph Candles:** In Memory of Norbert Schnier requested by Julie and Stephanie Hartman.

Blessed Mother Candles: In Memory of Lawrence O'Boyle requested by Helen and Family; Living and Deceased Parishioners.

Holy Guardian Angels Candles: Sr. Mary Dionisia Zimon, CSSF requested by the Family. **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 Pique The Great Amen

Catholics say the word "Amen (or Ah-men-) a lot. We say it at the end of prayers, often after making the sign of the cross and when we receive communion. In the Mass, there is one Amen that we call the Great Amen. This is usually sung together by the congregation at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer.

The priest elevates the host and the chalice and says or sings, "Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, forever and ever." And the congregation responds with the Great Amen.

Amen is one of just two Hebrew words that we still use in the Mass. (The other is Alleluia.) The word has a number of different meanings. Jesus often said, "Amen, amen I say to you..." In this case it means "truly." When we receive the Body of Christ, we say "Amen" to mean "I believe." And in the Great Amen it takes on the added meaning of "Yes!"

The ancient Jews used "Amen" when they swore an oath. It was not to be used flippantly or taken lightly. And so it should be for Catholics, as in the Great Amen we give it all its nuanced meanings. "Yes! Truly I believe!"

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 ww.angelorumvoices.com, subscribe to their Youtube channel, and follow them on Instagram and Facebook!



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

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, September 24 - Confession 7:15, 9:20, and 11:05 am; Mass 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 am; PREP 8:15 am; Baptismal Class 12:30 pm; Doors Open for Bingo 12:30 pm, 1st Game Called at 2:00 pm

Monday, September 25 - Mass 8:00 am; Girl Scouts Mtg. 6:30 pm

Tuesday, September 26 - Mass 8:00 am; CYO Volleyball Practice 4:00 pm; CYO Cross Country Practice 6:00 pm; Fall Catechetical Series: Divine Revelation: God Seeking Us & The Compass of Our Lives 6:30 pm

Wednesday, September 27 - 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, September 28 - Mass 8:00 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; Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm; Hope, Grace & Adulthood 6:30 pm

Friday, September 29 - Mass 8:00 am; School Mass 9:30 am; CYO Volleyball Game 6:15 pm

Saturday, September 30 - Confirmation Rally 8:00 am; Fall Mum Sale Pick Up 10:00 am; Confession 4:15 pm; Vigil Mass (Live-Streamed) 5:00 pm

Sunday, October 1 - Confession 7:15, 9:20, and 11:05 am; Mass 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 am; Adoration 12:30 pm; CYO Cross Country Meet 1:00pm; Parish Feast Dinner 4:30 pm; CYO Volleyball Game 5:45 pm; BSA Troop 161 Committee Meeting 6:30 pm; 40 Hours 7:00 pm

Let's build a culture of life together! Please join the Culture of Life Group for their meeting on Thursday, October 5th at 6:30 pm in the Rectory Basement Small Meeting Room. For more information, contact Martha Weida at 610-944-0289 or Carolyn Toplak at 610-621-3668.



Special Order Dates: 9/24, 10/15, 11/12, 11/26
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.

Dates to Remember

October 18th

We have Boscov's gift cards (temporarily) for sale at the Angel Earnings desk. Grab a few for the "Friends Helping Friends Shopping Day" on October 18th.

October 10th & 11th

Stock up on Amazon gift cards for Prime Big Deal Days October 10 & 11. Amazon gift cards/e-cards are available in \$25, \$50, \$100 & \$250 denominations or on the RaiseRight App in increments of \$20 – up to \$2000!

December 25th

Christmas is only three months away! Start buying gift cards now for all of your gift giving needs! Use gift cards to purchase gifts for everyone on your list. Be prepared and beat the holiday rush! We all like to give and get gift cards!

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 Ambo are in Memory of Norbert Schnier requested by Julie and Stephanie Hartman

SERVER/LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 30 & OCTOBER 1

*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
Servers	Madelyn Glessner Patrick Manczak Meredith Swavely	Libby Huston William Johns Sophia Lezette	Elijah Kopp Marcus Rundle Cody Toplak	Dominic Delgado Lia Martina Laceda Mikaela Schmeck
Lector	Barbara Aregood	Fran Krotulski	Carolyn Toplak	Wendy Freeman
EM	Mark Semprini Tina Semprini	Janet Huston George Lehman	Denise LeVan Jennifer Toplak Sedlacek	Martha Weida Cathy Wiencek



Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21
 Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45
 Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

BLOOD DONORS NEEDED!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will host a special blood drive OCTOBER 16-21 at Miller-Keystone Blood Center, 2745A Leisch's Bridge Road, Reading (for GPS: 1047 Old Bernville Road).



TWO WAYS TO SCHEDULE YOUR GIFT OF LIFE:

PHONE: Call 1-800-223-6667 or **REGISTER**

ONLINE: <https://www.giveapint.org/events/holy-guardian-angels>.



Be sure to mention **HGA GROUP ID #3141** when calling to schedule an appointment or include the ID # in the notes section when scheduling online. **JUST 1 PINT SAVES 3 LIVES!**



The next Knights of Columbus Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 18 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room.

LAST WEEK *Collection* ©JPPC

STEWARDSHIP	SEPTEMBER 17
WEEKLY	\$9,408.00
LOOSE	\$1244.96
CANDLES	\$348.00
EMERGENCY	\$271.00
MORTGAGE	\$220.00
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL	\$1,813.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$2,640.00
OTHER	\$61.00
TOTAL	\$16,005.96

What's your team's name?

Team Registration is now open! You may register online at www.hgaparish.com or by paper form. Forms can be printed from the website or picked up at the Rectory. Don't wait!



Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson Isaiah 55: 6-9; Philippians 1: 20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20: 1-16a

You may recall reading George Orwell's social fiction novel 1984. It chronicles the life of Winston Smith, a low-ranking member of "the Party." Smith is frustrated by the omnipresent spying eyes of the party, and its ominous ruler Big Brother. "Big Brother" controls every aspect of people's lives.

The book featured something called "Newspeak." That was a purposely ambiguous and confusing language with restricted grammar and very limited vocabulary used in Oceania. Orwell states its purpose as something "to diminish the range of thought." For example, the term "plusgood" had replaced the words "better" and "very good." Other examples include "bellyfeel," which was the blind acceptance of an idea, and "blackwhite," meaning "to accept whatever one is told, regardless of the facts."

I thought especially of all this twisted language as I reflected on the parable Jesus tells us in this weekend's passage from St. Matthew's gospel. It includes the way the landowner speaks and acts in the story, so apparently different from what most of us would say or think. You might call it "Godspeak" as the landowner asks his workers: "Am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?" Not even a hint here about an oppressive overlord kind of "Big Brother" God to contend with in decision making.

In Our Lord's parable, when landowner asks the more ego- piercing question "Are you envious because I am generous?" We listeners get the point. As a follow-up, God declares the powerful truth that "my thoughts are not your thoughts." And He adds: "so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts."

Our modern-day thinking might scold the landowner's failure to act according to present day labor union rules. But then we would miss the point of the parable. That is to underscore God's generosity. It's a generosity that we very much need when we go to confession. And very much in evidence when we walk up the aisle to receive His Body and Blood in Holy Communion. We will need that same generosity after we die and face His judgment in an appointment ever on our calendars.

To yield to any kind of "newspeak" or "double talk" that we might devise in order to deny these spiritual realities would be the biggest mistake we could make. Even a fatal one. We know this. But we often forget about the busyness of our lives.

We can certainly praise the Lord that we are not living in George Orwell's 1984. Instead "we live and move and have our being" in our good Lord's 2023 Our hope is intact and fixed on eternity. Meanwhile, it's a good idea to remember this truth: "Some people use language to express thought, some to conceal thought, and others instead of thought." God love you, and help you make your thinking more like God's.



HGA Regional School Families, please mark your calendars:

- Annual Blessing of the Animals - Wednesday, October 4 at 9:00 am.
- Confirmation- Thursday, October 5 at 4:30 pm
- No School - Monday, October 9
- Home and School Association October Meeting- Tuesday, October 10 at 5:00 pm
- Gently Used Uniform Sale- Tuesday, October 10, 6:00-8:00 pm

This week we kicked off our biggest fundraiser of the year: our HGA Regional School Danceathon! Our goal is to raise \$35,000 for financial aid, teacher materials, and student safety and enrichment. Every donation helps. Please consider supporting our school at <https://tinyurl.com/hgadance23>.

HGA Regional School students' Fall Service Project will support the Animal Rescue League and Humane Societies of Berks County. Our collection will run from Monday, Sept. 18-Friday, October 6, 2023. Thank you in advance for supporting our animal pals!

Please support our first Dine Out Event of the new school year! Visit Panera Bread (Muhlenberg 5th Street Highway Location) on Wednesday, September 27 from 4:00-8:00 pm and a portion of your purchase will help our school! Show our flier or use code "FUND4U" online.

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 holyguardianangelsregion-alschol.square.site call 610-929-4124 or email development@hgaschool.org to reserve your pass for \$5 today!!

Upcoming
EVENTS

HOPE, GRACE & ADULTING
September 28

CONFIRMATION RALLY
September 30

FALL MUM PICK-UP
September 30

CYO CROSS-COUNTRY MEET
October 1

CYO VOLLEYBALL GAME
October 1

PARISH FEAST DINNER
October 1

40 HOURS
October 1-3

FEAST OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGEIS
BISHOP SCHLERT AT SCHOOL MASS
October 2

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
October 4


CULTURE OF LIFE MEETING
October 5

"THROWING WITH THE ANGELS"
CORNHOLE TOURNEMENT
October 7

Celebrate!

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY


PRAY, FAST, SACRIFICE, & AFFIRM



O Heavenly Father, on this Celebrate Priesthood Sunday, hear our humble prayers on behalf of Fr. Hoffa & Fr. Camilli and all priests who serve our parish, past, present, and future.

We thank you for their selfless ministry. Relying on your almighty power, and believing in Christ who called them to share in His priesthood, may they devote themselves to their ministry with complete trust.

Strengthen them with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and help them to serve with joy. Give them a deep faith, a bright and firm hope, and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of their priestly life.



HelpOurMarriage.org

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 upcoming program will be held October 6 - 8, 2023 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, call 1-215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Retrouvaille: Rediscover the Love in your Marriage!

PRAY TO CHANGE HEARTS

LIFECHAIN.ORG

The annual Life Chain on Penn Ave., West Reading is Next Sunday, October 1st- 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. HGA participants will gather in front of Wendy's.



SPIRITUAL LIFE

Who Are the Archangels?


Dr. Tim Gray & Dr. Elizabeth Klein

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Who Are the Archangels?

Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein discuss archangels and what role they have in our lives.

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