



## MASS SCHEDULE

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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* – 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 [baregood@hgaparish.com](mailto:baregood@hgaparish.com).

**Ministry to the Sick - Anointing of the Sick**

Visits to the hospital are made on a regular basis. Please notify the Parish Office when a parishioner is in the hospital or home and would like to receive communion or anointing of the sick. *The Sacrament of the Sick is available to all in need of healing.* PLEASE DO NOT WAIT until death is imminent to offer your loved one this grace. Visits can also be made to those parishioners who are homebound and would like to receive communion by Eucharistic Ministers or 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 Prechtel, Head of School at 610-929-4124 for more information or to register. [www.hgaschool.org](http://www.hgaschool.org).

**Berks Catholic High School**

We encourage our high school students to consider attending our local catholic high school – Berks Catholic. Please contact the Director of Admissions, Nicole Smith at 610-374-8361, ext. 244 for more information or to register. [www.berkscatholic.org](http://www.berkscatholic.org).

**Religious Education (PREP)**

All children should be receiving religious instruction through one of our Regional Catholic Schools or through our Parish Religious Education Program offered for grades K-8. Please contact Kari Mallozzi, Director of Religious Education, for more information via email to [kmallozzi@hgaparish.com](mailto:kmallozzi@hgaparish.com) or call 610-921-2729, ext. 2203.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

We welcome and support all whose faith journey brings them to seek full communion with the Catholic Church. Please call the Parish Office for further information.

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

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

**Wills and Memorials**

As a lasting remembrance or final gift to your parish, all parishioners are encouraged to include Holy Guardian Angels Parish in their wills or as a beneficiary on an insurance policy. At the time of passing of a relative or friend, consider enrolling them in the Holy Guardian Angels Memorial Fund. Memorials are available in the Parish Office and are often used in lieu of flowers.

**Diocese of Allentown**

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator  
Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC  
Direct: (800) 791-9209

Office of Safe Environment  
Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W., M.S  
Secretary, Youth Protection  
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P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538  
610-871-5200, ext. 2204  
[prusso@allentowndioocese.org](mailto:prusso@allentowndioocese.org)



# MASS Intentions

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

## Monday, October 30

**8:00 am** Noreen Lawrence, requested by George and Cindy Tomasi

## Tuesday, October 31

**8:00 am** Genero Zizza, requested by Lisa Wood

## Wednesday, November 1

### The Feast of All Saints, A Holy Day of Obligation

**6:30 pm** Vigil - Timothy Sola, requested by parents.

**8:00 am** Kathleen Scorbora, requested by Sondra and Carl Bard

**9:30 am (School Mass)** William Haines, Sr., requested by Marilyn Sherman

**12:10 pm** Lawrence O'Boyle, requested by Helen O'Boyle

## Thursday, November 2

### All Souls Day

**8:00 am** The Souls in Purgatory

## Friday, November 3

### St. Martin de Porres, Religious

**8:00 am** For a Special Intention, requested by Ann Marie Novak

## Sunday, November 5

### The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday Vigil**

**5:00 pm** Kim Kline, requested by Pat Hansbury

**Sunday**

**8:00 am** Living and Deceased Parishioners

**9:45 am** Deceased of the Baker Family, requested by Pat Baker

**11:30 am** Francis and Dorothy Bennett, requested by the Bennett Family

## SANCTUARY LAMP & CANDLE INTENTIONS Week of October 29, 2023

**Sanctuary Lamp in Church:** In Memory of CJZ. **Sanctuary Candle in Chapel:** Living and Deceased Parishioners. **St. Joseph Candles:** In Memory of Charles and Jenny Farina requested by Ernie and Dale Anne Farina; In Memory of Albert F. and Anna May Hendricks requested by Ernie and Dale Anne Farina. **Blessed Mother Candles:** In Memory of Dorothy and William Matz, requested by daughter, son-in-law, and family; Living and Deceased Parishioners. In Memory of Andrew, Elizabeth and Andrew Jr.. Dziedzic, requested by the family. **Holy Guardian Angels Candles:** In Memory of CJZ; 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 Pizze Holy Communion

In the Latin rite of the Church, Catholics can receive Communion two ways – directly on the tongue or in the hand. As the person comes forward to receive Holy Communion, they make a reverent bow, as one would bow before a king. We do this because we are about to encounter the King of kings!

The priest, deacon or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion gives the communicant the host and simply says, "The Body of Christ." The communicant responds with, "Amen." If taken in the hand, the communicant should consume the host immediately.

Many parishes offer Communion under what is called both species – the bread and the wine. If that is the case, the communicant will be offered the Blood of Christ, sip from the cup and return it to the minister, who then wipes the rim of the cup immediately.

There may be times when Communion is offered under only one species. This sometimes happens when there is a flu outbreak or some other communicable disease. This is at the discretion of the priest or bishop. When this happens, no one should feel short-changed. You see, Jesus Christ is present – Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity – in even the smallest particle of the bread or the wine, and all the graces of the sacrament are there, too.

*A heartfelt thank you to each one of you for your outpouring of support on World Mission Sunday to help fund the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Your generosity echoes the theme "Hearts on fire, feet on the move," bringing warmth and hope to communities worldwide. To remain connected and engaged with the Pope's missions throughout the year, please visit OneFamilyInMission.org. Your commitment to the universal mission of the Church is deeply appreciated.*



John Luppino, Barbara Schwartz,  
Pattie Mihalak, Fr. Wm Seifert,  
James Waldman, John Perate,  
Cindy Klymchuk, Daniel Bastek, Sandra Clayton, Harmony Chiccarine, Aubrielle Beidler, Barbara Coco, Kim Bonner, Mary Ann Wensus, Daneen Poticher, Lisa Wrede, Bob Desherlia, Doris Day, Serge Kuschick, Jeff Strader, Joan Adams, John Gaetani, Kirsten Snyder, Robert Brannon, Jennifer Toplak-Sedlacek, George Helms, Giada Caruso, Elaine Egan, Sharon Witman, William Ondich, Marie Scholl, Gene Toplak, Kathy Helms, Dennis Dautrich, Olivia Clark, Melissa Neff, Arlene Kunstek, Robert Keim, Donald Davis, Irvin Lindinger.

**Names will remain on the list for one month.**

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Sunday, October 29** - Confession 7:15, 9:20, and 11:05 am; Mass 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 am; PREP 8:15 am; Doors Open for BINGO 12:30 pm, 1st Game Called 2:00 pm; St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 12:45 pm

**Monday, October 30** - Mass 8:00 am; Finance Council Meeting 6:30 pm

**Tuesday, October 31** - Mass 8:00 am; Symbolon Fall Series: The Paschal Mystery: The Mystery of Jesus's Death and Resurrection 6:30 pm; All Saints Day Vigil 6:30 pm; Halloween Lottery 7:00 pm

**Wednesday, November 1** - All Saints Day, A Holy Day of Obligation; Mass 8:00 am; School Mass 9:30 am; Mass 12:10 pm.

**Thursday, November 2** - All Souls Day; Mass 8:00 am; BSA Troop 161 6:30 pm; Legion of Mary 6:30 pm; Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm; Hope, Grace & Adulthood 6:30 pm

**Friday, November 3** - First Friday Devotions 7:00 am; Mass 8:00 am; Fall Fest 5:00 pm

**Saturday, November 4** - Confession 4:15 pm; Vigil Mass (Live-Streamed) 5:00 pm; Fall Fest 6:00 pm

**Sunday, November 5** - Mass 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 am; Confession 7:15, 9:20, and 11:05 am; PREP 8:15 am; Doors Open for BINGO 12:30 pm, 1st Game Called 2:00 pm; BSA Troop 161 Committee Meeting 6:00 pm



The next Knights of Columbus Meeting will be on Wed., Nov. 15 at 7pm in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room.

### First Friday Devotions, Friday, November 3, 2023

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



### Only four more special order dates before Christmas!

- November 12th
- November 26th
- December 3rd
- December 10th – Last chance to order physical gift cards for Christmas!

Orders must be received by 1:00 pm and will be available for pick up the Thursday after the Order Date and then before/after Masses that weekend.

Earnings on Kohl's gift cards have increased from 4% to 7%.

This is the last weekend for the Fall Bonus Fest! RaiseRight is offering three days of bonuses every weekend in October.

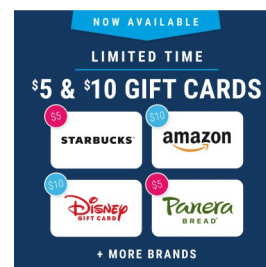
### Things to know:

- Bonuses start at 12:00 a.m. ET Friday and end at 11:59 p.m. ET Sunday.
- Offers will be announced each Friday.
- All available gift card types are included (eGift cards, physical cards, and money added to reloadable cards).

### \$5 & \$10 Gift Cards are back and great for gift giving!

There are over 60 brands available – here are some of the most popular:

- McDonald's
- Panera
- Amazon
- Target
- Barnes & Noble
- Chipotle
- Dominos



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 NOVEMBER 4-5

\*PLEASE NOTE - THE MINISTERS SCHEDULE REFLECTS THE ORIGINAL SCHEDULE.

IT DOES NOT REFLECT ANY CHANGES MADE AFTER THE TIME THE BULLETIN WAS PUBLISHED

	Sat. 5pm	Sun 8:00 am	9:45 am	11:30 am
<b>Servers</b>	Madelyn Glessner Christian Hendrix Noah Hendrix	Nate Holland Samantha Holland Sara Holland	Carlos Flood Sam Moody Dane Prechtl	Dominic Delgado Matthew Glembocki Diego Gonzalez
<b>Lector</b>	Kevin Tobias	Jim Harper	Cathy Douglas	Sherry Gonzalez
<b>EM</b>	Lillian Hart Georjean Jones	Patrick Holland Frank Ligenza	Diane Choiniere Diane Collins	Kelli Glembocki Cathie Wiencek

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17  
 Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21  
 Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a The Feast of All Saints Holyday of Obligation  
 Thursday: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37- All Soul's Day  
 Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6 St. Martin de Porres, Religious  
 Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14:1, 7-11 St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop  
 Sunday: Mal 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1-3; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

Please join us on Friday, November 3rd for the first night of Fall Fest 2023!



### On the Menu!

- Chili
- Stew
- Hearty Chicken Vegetable Gnocchi Soup
- Butternut Squash Soup
- Mac & Cheese
- Pierogies (also frozen pierogies by the dozen to go)
- The Holy Smoke Sandwich (smoked prok w/ onion rings and BBQ sauce)
- Soft Drinks & Water

Doors open at 5:00 pm for the food sale and basket preview. Raffle tickets will be available to try your luck & win your favorite! Basket drawing will be on Saturday night. Winner need not be present to win.

# LAST WEEK *Collection* ©JPPC

STEWARDSHIP	OCTOBER 22
WEEKLY	\$9,720.00
LOOSE	\$673.00
CANDLES	\$192.00
EMERGENCY	\$70.00
MAINTENANCE	\$311.00
MORTGAGE	\$90.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$3,984.00
WORLD MISSIONS	\$1,916.00
TOTAL	\$16,956.00

**NEXT WEEKEND - November 4th & 5th, there will be a special collection to support the relocation of St. Charles Seminary.**

Saint Charles is embarking on a truly inspiring and exciting time. The Seminary's continued vitality has now led to moving into a new chapter in its history, with construction for a new home in Lower Gwynedd Township, PA. The relocation of the Seminary to a newly developed campus is a source of hope, as the mission to form priests who will be servant leaders after the Heart of Jesus Christ will continue in a modern facility that meets the needs of 21st century priestly formation.

### Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5b; Matthew 22: 15-21

Fans of certain TV series will tell you how distracted and annoyed they become when little "teaser" messages suddenly appear in the lower right-hand corner of the screen. They distract from the main action on screen. One of modern life's small vexations.

Two thousand years ago, when that "scholar of the law" Pharisee, whom we might consider a "PhD" on the subject, approached Jesus with his question, he was coming from a background of teachers who had concocted 613 laws that covered almost any aspect of Jewish life. The main tenet of Moses' law had gotten lost. This unnamed man wanted Jesus' take on the matter. We see here that he received an answer from Our Lord in short order.

That Pharisee's motives here were mixed at best. He knew that Jesus had "silenced" the Sadducees, his perpetual adversaries. Anything to build up the Pharisee camp by tearing down their opponents! But he didn't realize that in Jesus he was up against a person who saw beneath the surface of anyone's motives or conduct. I believe that there was a bit of a scold in the blunt reply Jesus made. No friendly introduction or follow-up praise.

Of course, the whole scene has implications for us and our thinking about religion and the things of God. Do we know what the main two-sided command of God is? I believe we almost automatically observe that first part about loving God with all our heart, soul and mind. This even though we sometimes choose other things as our "gods"? Things like power, wealth and fame? But at least most of us try to have the right priorities.

But it's that second commandment, the one Our Lord says is "like" the first, that of loving our neighbor as ourselves, which gets most of us in the jungle of guilt. No matter how hard we try, the daily presence of shall I say "pesky or annoying" people often make us fall into rash judgment. That's when we must remember what Jesus said about every other law depends on the first two.

One day a certain old rich man of a miserable disposition visited a rabbi, who took the rich man by the hand and led him to a window. "Look out there," he said. The rich man looked into the street. "What do you see?" asked the rabbi. "I see men, women, and children." answered the rich man. Again, the rabbi took him by the hand and this time led him to a mirror. "Now what do you see?" "Now I see myself," the rich man replied.

Then the rabbi said, "Behold, in the window there is glass, and in the mirror, there is glass. But the glass of the mirror is covered with a little silver, and no sooner is the silver added than you cease to see others, but you see only yourself." God love you and give you His peace.



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

- Black and Orange Dress Down Day- Tues., Oct. 31
- Winter Uniform Begins- Wednesday, November 1
- All Saints' Day Mass- Wednesday, November 1
- Winter Service Project: Coat Drive Begins- Monday, November 6
- Veteran's Day Mass and Recognition- Friday, November 10
- Cougar Cash 50/50 Raffle Sale Begins- Monday, November 13
- Home and School Association General Meeting- Tues., Nov. 14
- School Closed for Thanksgiving- Wednesday, November 22- Monday, November 27
- Current HGA Student Re-Registration for the 2024-2025 School Year: November 1-December 1.

A registration fee of \$120 will be applied to all FACTS accounts on January 15, 2023. Current Cougars will automatically be re-enrolled to confirm a spot for next school year unless we are notified otherwise. Please email Kelly Prechtl at [kelpre@hgaschool.org](mailto:kelpre@hgaschool.org) if you choose not to enroll for the 2024-2025 school year. Enrollment to the public will open on January 1, 2024.

We hope you will consider supporting our HGA Regional School Winter Service Project. We will be collecting clean, gently worn and new coats for our Annual Coat Drive beginning Monday, November 6- Monday, November 20, 2023.

Please join our HGA Regional School Community in honoring our Veterans. We will bless our Veterans at our School Mass on Friday, November 10 at 9:30a.m.



**PREP DATES!**

**10/29**

**11/5**

**11/12**

**11/19**

**No PREP 11/26**

*Upcoming*  
EVENTS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING  
*October 29*

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING  
*October 30*

HALLOWEEN LOTTERY  
*October 31*

ALL SAINTS DAY  
*November 1*

HOPE, GRACE & ADULTING  
*November 2*

FIRST FIRDAY  
*November 3*

FALL FEST  
*November 3 & 4*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING  
*November 5*

CULTURE OF LIFE MEETING  
*November 7*

PEN 2 PAPER MEETING  
*November 8*

THANKSGIVING PIE PICK UP  
*November 22*

Fall Catechetical Series

**SYMBOLON**  
THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED

The Paschal Mystery: The Mystery of Jesus's Death and Resurrection

Join us - Tuesday, October 31st at 6:30 pm  
Rectory Basement Meeting Room  
No RSVP Needed!



Cub Scout Pack 161 is looking for some new recruits! The Cub Scout program is open to all boys in Kindergarten through 5th Grade. For more information, please contact Bryan Noll at [HGAPACK161@gmail.com](mailto:HGAPACK161@gmail.com).

**Loss – Grief – Letting Go Day of Reflection – Friday, November 17, 2023– 6:30 to 8:00 PM**

“Loss, Grief, letting go” are familiar words yet, for so many, grief is a silent pain that is at times unbearable. Sr. Nancy Iampietro will guide you to reflect on loss and hope, on grief and love, on letting go of what we thought would be. It will be a time to invite the Lord to show us that we can find comfort and healing where our wounds hurt the most.

Sr. Nancy is a Missionary Sister of the Precious Blood. She is a Theologian with specialization in Formative Spirituality, and Spiritual Direction, and leadership. To register, call Mariawald Renewal Center at 610-777-0135 or Email [mariawald-center@gmail.com](mailto:mariawald-center@gmail.com). Register before 11/13/2023 Cost: \$20.00.

**Mass for Healing Sunday, October 29th at Saint Columbkil**

Praise & Worship music begins at 6:30 pm; Mass, Benediction and healing service will begin at 7 p.m. Our celebrant will be Rev. Francis Groarke. Please spread the word. We hope you can join us for this uplifting and solemn service.

St. Joseph Church RUMMAGE SALE! HOME MADE FOOD! FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH FROM 4 - 7 PM. SAT, NOVEMBER 18TH FROM 9 - 5 PM  
WE ARE ONLY ACCEPTING CHRISTMAS ITEMS FOR THIS SALE. ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY FROM 10 - 4 PM. PLEASE CALL 610-376-2976 BEFORE YOU DROP ITEMS OFF SO WE CAN OPEN UP THE PARISH CENTER. Thank you!

**Nocturnal Adoration Devotions in honor of The Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held at St. Margaret Chapel.**

The Chapel is located off Spring Street below Centre Avenue. The one-hour Adoration will be held on first Friday, Nov. 3rd from 4-5pm. Everyone is invited.”

**Brother Francis - All Souls Day**

In this episode of Brother Francis, kids can learn about All Souls Day and how we take time to remember those who have passed away.

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