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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.

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.

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

Jim Harper, Financial Secretary
 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@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 16

St. Hedwig, Religious;

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

8:00 am Martin and Anelia Porambo, requested by John Gallagher

Tuesday, October 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 am No Mass (Convocation Week)

Wednesday, October 18

St. Luke, Evangelist

8:00 am No Mass (Convocation Week)

Thursday, October 19

**Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues,
Priests and Companions, Martyrs**

8:00 am No Mass (Convocation Week)

Friday, October 20

St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

9:30 am (School Mass) Richard and Mary Thren, requested by the Novak Family

Sunday, October 22

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm Frank Bastek, requested by John Bastek

Sunday

8:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners

9:45 am Robert Smith, requested by Nancy Smith

11:30 am Intentions of Cody Toplak on the occasion of his 16th Birthday requested by Carolyn and Gene Toplak

SANCTUARY LAMP & CANDLE INTENTIONS Week of October 15, 2023

Sanctuary Lamp in Church: In Memory of Johnny Eksterowicz requested by His Sister. **Sanctuary Candle in Chapel:** In Memory of Loyola Schnable, requested by Daughter, Rosemary. **St. Joseph Candles:** In Memory of Frank Hartman, requested by Julie & Stephanie; Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Blessed Mother Candles:** Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Holy Guardian Angels Candles:** In Memory of Sr. Mary Lucretia Mrozinski, CSSF, requested by the Family; 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 Pique The Lamb of God

In the first Passover, God's chosen people were instructed to eat the flesh of a lamb that had been sacrificed. At every Mass, Catholics do the same. Only this is no ordinary lamb. This is the Lamb of God.

After the Sign of Peace and before we receive Communion, we pray: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

This image of the Lamb of God was first announced by John the Baptist. In John 1:29 he says, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world." And in John 1:36, he repeats, "Behold the Lamb of God."

In 1 Corinthians 5:7, St. Paul says, "For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed." And again and again in the Book of Revelation, we see in heaven "the Lamb that was slain." At Mass, that connection is brought to its perfect fulfillment. As we prepare to eat the flesh of the Lamb of God, as partakers in the "wedding feast of the Lamb," (from Revelation 19:9) we implore Him for mercy and peace. For Further Study: Revelation 5 * Revelation 19:9 * 1 Corinthians 5: 7-8 * John 1:29, 36 * Exodus 12: 1-4



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, Daneen 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, Arlene Kunstek, Robert Keim. **Names will remain on the list for one month.**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, October 15 - Confession 7:15, 9:20, and 11:05 am; Mass 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 am; PREP SUNDAY 8:15 am; Baptism 12:30 pm; Doors Open for BINGO 12:30 pm, 1st Game at 2:00 pm; CYO Volleyball Game 1:00 pm; Cub Scouts Pack 161 5:00 pm

Monday, October 16 - Mass 8:00 am; Girl Scouts Mtg. 6:30 pm

Tuesday, October 17 - CYO Volleyball Practice 4:00 pm; CYO Cross Country Practice 6:00 pm; Symbolon Fall Series: The Story of Salvation: Creation, Fall & Redemption 6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 18 - Adoration 8:30 am until 6:00 pm Benediction; KOC #14847 Meeting 7:00 pm; CYO Cross Country Practice 6:00 pm; Pen 2 Paper Meeting 6:30 pm

Thursday, October 19 - 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

Friday, October 20 - School Mass 9:30 am, John XXIII Retreat

Saturday, October 21 - Confession 4:15 pm; Vigil Mass (Live-Streamed) 5:00 pm (Anniversary Mass); John XXIII Retreat

Sunday, October 22 - Mass 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 am (Anniversary Masses); Confession 7:15, 9:20, and 11:05 am; John XXIII Retreat

Have you visited the new HGA Website? Everything you need to know about HGA is easy to find. The updated "News & Events" page has all the details of everything that's going on currently and links to print current forms and flyers.

WWW.HGAPARISH.COM



The next Knights of Columbus Meeting will be on Wed., Oct. 18 at 7pm in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room.



Special Order Dates: 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.

Take advantage of the **Fall Bonus Fest** every weekend in October! Earn big with 3-day bonuses!



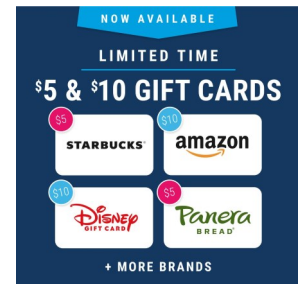
Things to know:

- 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



The Flowers at the Ambo are in Memory of Frank Hartman Requested by Julie and Stephanie Hartman

SERVER/LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE OCTOBER 21-22

*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 Christian Hendrix Noah Hendrix	William Johns Lia Martina Laceda Mikaela Schmeck	Collin Kroenig Evan Kroenig Sam Moody	Carlos Flood Matthew Glembocki Dane Prechtl
Lector	Barbara Aregood	Tim Ferguson	Theresa Quitinsky	Ann Marie Botch
EM	Mark Semprini Tina Semprini	Anne Marie Ferguson Anthony J. Wiencek	Diane Collins Cathy Moyer	Kelly Glembocki Lillian Hart



Monday: Rom 1: 1-7; Lk 11:29-32 St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
 Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41 St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
 Wednesday: 2 Tm 4: 10-17b; Lk 10:1-9 St. Luke, Evangelist
 Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54 Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs
 Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7 St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
 Saturday: Rom 4:1, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12 BVM
 Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

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 Leisz'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!**



LAST WEEK *Collection* ©JPPC

STEWARDSHIP	OCTOBER 8
WEEKLY	\$10,276.00
LOOSE	\$760.00
CANDLES	\$692.00
EMERGENCY	\$214.00
MAINTENANCE	\$1,360.00
MORTGAGE	\$25.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$3,335.00
OTHER	\$136.00
TOTAL	\$16,798.00



For the month of October, we join the Holy Father in praying for the upcoming Synod. We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson Isaiah 25: 6-10a; Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22: 1-14, or 22:1-10

No matter how old we are, there is something that stirs in us when we hear the words "Once upon a time." It's our perennial love of a good story. I daresay from the stories that Jesus told His apostles they rightly called Our Lord "Master." And so, He remains.

Today's parable of the wedding feast, in which Jesus capitalized on a well-known image of messianic times, had a certain "punch" to it that the chief priests and elders of the people did not like in the least. Just a few verses prior to those we hear quoted today in Matthew's gospel passage, we read this: "When the chief priests and elders heard His parables, they saw that He was referring to them; they wanted to arrest Him, but they were afraid of the people, who looked on Jesus as a prophet." (Matt. 21: 45-46)

These were educated men. Perceptive men. They recognized themselves in the negative reactions some people in the story had to the banquet invitation. Perhaps they felt the guilt that follows any denial of God's ways in one's behavior. Blind guides indeed!

Of course, the Holy Spirit wants those same parables put to the ears of every generation. They present us with timeless truth and nothing but the truth.

Here is another story, also about a wedding, that further illustrates Our Lord's teaching in another way:

William M. Dyke was a young man who became blind at the tender age of ten. Despite this handicap, he grew to be a very intelligent, witty and handsome young man. While attending graduate school in England, William met the daughter of an English admiral. The two soon became engaged. Though never having seen her, William loved her very much.

Shortly before the wedding, at the insistence of the admiral, William submitted to special treatment for his loss of sight. Hoping against hope, William wanted the gauze from his eyes removed during the ceremony. He wanted the first thing he saw to be his wife's face.

As the bride came down the aisle, William's father started unwinding the gauze from around his son's head and eyes—still not knowing if the operation had been a success. With the unwrapping of the last circumference, William looked into the face of his new bride for the first time. "You are more beautiful than I ever imagined," he said.

Like the young groom, though we have never seen Jesus, it will be worth the years of darkness to "see Him as He is." (1 John 3:2).



HGA Regional School Families, please mark your calendars:

- Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day- Wed., October 18
- HGARS Celebrates Unity Day- Wednesday, October 18
- HSA HGA Night at Duncan Corn Maze- Friday, October 20
- Parent/Teacher Conferences- Mon.-Fri. Oct. 23-27
- Mod Pizza Dine Out- Wednesday, October 25
- Trick or Trunk (pre registration required)- Thursday, Oct. 26
- Picture Retake Day- Friday, October 27
- Black and Orange Dress Down Day- Tues., Oct. 31
- Winter Uniform Begins- Wednesday, November 1

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 (8a.m.-11p.m.). Your donation also enables you to register to win a \$100 Boscov's Gift Card. Visit holyguardianangelsregionalschol.square.site call 610-929-4124.

Please save the date for our next Dine Out Event at Mod Pizza (5th Street Highway Location) on Wednesday, October 25 from 10am-10:30pm. Present our flier or use code MODGIVES25 when ordering online.



Upcoming PREP dates for October: 10/15, 10/29!
 Please note: due to scheduling conflicts, we do not have three PREP sessions in a row in the month of October.

Important Notice from Gethsemane Cemetery:

Beginning the week of Nov. 13, 2023, we will have our semi-annual grave clean-off at Gethsemane & St. Mary's Cemeteries. **If you have any items on gravesites you wish to keep,** please visit the Cemetery to retrieve the items prior to the week of November 13th. Thank You!



Upcoming
EVENTS

CYO VOLLEYBALL GAME
October 15

SVDP BLOOD DRIVE
October 16 - 21

PEN 2 PAPER MEETING
October 18

JOHN XXIII RETREAT
October 20-22

ANNIVERSARY MASSES
October 21 & 22

SCHOOL DINE OUT AT MOD PIZZA
October 25

SCHOOL TRUNK OR TREAT
October 26

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING
October 30

HALLOWEEN LOTTERY
October 31

HOPE, GRACE & ADULTING
November 2

FIRST FIRDAY
November 3

FALL FEST
November 3 & 4

Fall Catechetical Series

SYMBOLON
THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED

This week's topic:
 The Story of
 Salvation:
 Creation, Fall &
 Redemption

Join us - Tuesday, October 17th at 6:30 pm
 Rectory Basement Meeting Room
 No RSVP Needed!



3RD ANNUAL HARVEST CRAFT FAIR – Muhlenberg Community Library Fundraiser : SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. at Muhlenberg High School, 400 Sharp Avenue. Shop with local crafters! Basket Raffle! 50/50! Come hungry! This event runs in conjunction with the Lions Club pancake breakfast, 7am – 11 am.

St. Mary's Church Holiday Bazaar - Saturday, November 4th. 14833 Kutztown Road, 8:30am-2:30pm. Homemade pierogies, soups, barbecue, craft vendors, basket raffle, money raffle, white elephant, used books, homemade baked goods. Contact Stacey (484-769-0318) or Kerry (610-207-8964) for more info.

Are you considering donating your time and talent to help people in our community? If you have teaching experience or a background in Education, the Mother Veronica Resource Center is in immediate need of a volunteer GED (General Educational Development) Language Arts class instructor for adult students desiring to earn a high school equivalency diploma.

Materials needed to teach the class will be provided. The class is offered on Monday and Wednesday mornings between 9:30 am and 11:00 am. The first semester is in progress since September 11, 2023. The class will run until the first week of June 2024, with holiday breaks. **Please email Sister Cara Garofalo at: mveronicacenter@gmail.com or call 484-516-2138 for further information.**



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