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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

im 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@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, October 23

St. John of Capistrano, Priest

8:00 am Lucia Pellegrini, requested by Carolyn and Gene Toplak

Tuesday, October 24

St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

8:00 am Julia Painter, requested by Lisa Wood

Wednesday, October 25

8:00 am Violet Cucinotta, requested by Kevin and Fran Krotulski

Thursday, October 26

8:00 am Mother's Day Intentions

Friday, October 27

8:00 am Richard Readdy, requested by Rocky and Mary Guidotto

9:30 am (School Mass) Tom and Evelyn Stevens, requested by Lisa Wood

Sunday, October 29

The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm Jeremy Carroll, requested by Dave and Anne Carroll

Sunday

8:00 am Amanda Tangredi

9:45 am Intentions of Christopher and Amanda Reber on their 1st Wedding Anniversary

11:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners

SANCTUARY LAMP & CANDLE INTENTIONS Week of October 22, 2023

Sanctuary Lamp in Church: In Memory of CJZ. **Sanctuary Candle in Chapel:** For the intentions of David Zahand. **St. Joseph Candles:** Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Blessed Mother Candles:** In Memory of Dorothy and William Matz, requested by daughter, son-in-law, and family; Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Holy Guardian Angels Candles:** In Memory of Cory Zahand; 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

Lord, I am not Worthy

I always tell Catholics that they know a lot more Scripture than they think they do. This is because the Mass is loaded with Scripture; and that's over and above the many readings at every Mass!

Perhaps the best example of this is right before we receive Communion. First, the priest elevates the host and quotes John 1:29 and Revelation 19:9, "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb."

The Congregation responds with a quote from Matthew 8:8. Jesus agrees to go to the home of a Roman centurion and heal his servant. The centurion replies, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my servant shall be healed." At Mass we personalize the passage and pray that our "soul shall be healed."

Isn't it true that we are not worthy? Who are we to take the Author of Life, the God of the Universe onto our tongue and into our bodies? And yet, Jesus calls us to Himself. We are made worthy by His Blood, by His sacrifice. As we walk up to receive Jesus – Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity – in Holy Communion, we pray for our healing. And just as Jesus healed the centurion's servant, in the Eucharist, we are healed.

For further study: John 1:29 * Revelation 19:9 * Matthew 8: 5 - 13.

Pray FOR THE SICK

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, Irwin Lindinger. Names will remain on the list for one month.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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

Monday, October 23 - Mass 8:00 am; Girl Scouts Mtg. 6:30 pm; Spanish Marriage Prep 6:30 pm

Tuesday, October 24 - Mass 8:00 am; CYO Volleyball Practice 4:00 pm; CYO Cross Country Practice 6:00 pm; Symbolon Fall Series: Who is Jesus: Just a Good Man or Lord of Our Lives? 6:30 pm; KOC Assembly Meeting 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 25 - Mass 8:00 am; Adoration 8:30 am until 6:00 pm Benediction; Confessions 8:30 am & 5:15 pm; CYO Cross Country Practice 6:00 pm; School Dine Out at MOD Pizza 10 am-10 pm

Thursday, October 26 - Mass 8:00 am; CYO Volleyball Practice 4:00 pm; CYO Cross Country Practice 6:00 pm; HGA School Trunk or Treat 3:00 pm; BSA Troop 161 6:30 pm; Legion of Mary 6:30 pm; Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm

Friday, October 27 - Mass 8:00 am; School Mass 9:30 am, HGARS Junior High Karaoke 7:00 pm

Saturday, October 28 - Diocesan Spanish Theology and Ministerial Program 8:00 am; Confession 4:15 pm; Vigil Mass (Live-Streamed) 5:00 pm

Sunday, October 29 - 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; St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 12:45 pm

SERVER/LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE FOR ALL SAINTS DAY NOVEMBER 1, 2023

	Vigil 6:30 pm	Holy Day 8:00 am	Holy Day 12:10 pm
Lector	Fran Krotulski	Marianne Hertzog	Caroline Reber
EM	George Lehman Frank Ligenza	Mark Semprini Tina Semprini	Diane Choiniere Anthony J. Wiencek

SERVER/LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE OCTOBER 28-29

*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	Dominic Delgado Elijah Kopp Cody Toplak	Lia Martina Laceda Mikaela Schmeck Vincent Tartaglia
Lector	Rozanne Thompson	Anne Carroll	Carolyn Toplak	Wendy Freeman
EM	Maryellen LaSota Walt LaSota	Janet Huston Denise LeVan	Jennifer Toplak-Sedlacek Cathie Wiencek	Diane Choiniere Martha Weida



Special Order Dates: 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!

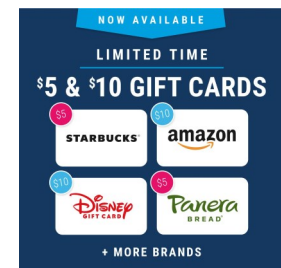
Things to know:

- 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



*We Welcome through
 the Sacrament of Baptism
 Nataniel-Saint Laceda
 God Bless Him!*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21 St. John of Capistrano, Priest
 Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38 St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
 Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48
 Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53
 Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59
 Saturday: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16 Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
 Sunday: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

Reminder! Please join us on Friday, Nov. 3rd for the 1st Night of Fall Fest 2023. Friday is for families, food, and the basket preview!



Be sure to purchase your tickets for Sat., Nov. 4th for the 2nd night of Fall Fest 2023. Saturday night is an adult-only event, BYOF/BYOB. Tickets are \$20 & presale only. Each ticket includes 25 raffle tickets, but more will be for sale during the event! Visit our website at www.hgaparish.com to purchase your tickets today!

We are currently accepting baskets and monetary donations towards baskets. Contact Anne Malinowski for more information at 610-921-2729, ext. 2216 or amalinowski@hgaparish.com.

LAST WEEK *Collection* ©JPPC

STEWARDSHIP	OCTOBER 15
WEEKLY	\$9,645.00
LOOSE	\$821.00
CANDLES	\$143.00
EMERGENCY	\$188.00
MAINTENANCE	\$335.00
MORTGAGE	\$135.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$2,054.00
TOTAL	\$13,321.00

Today we celebrate World Mission Sunday, heeding Pope Francis's call to keep our "Hearts on fire, feet on the move."

On this day, we reflect on our baptismal promise to be disciples and missionaries, sharing the Good News. The collection today for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith directly aids priests, religious, and lay leaders in the Pope's missions, allowing them to minister to and uplift communities in dire need. Let's light up the world with our prayers and generosity. Thank you for your heartfelt contribution!

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

Whenever we learn how a great person handled a serious problem with a wise solution, we pay attention. For example, the situation of giving a dedication speech at Gettysburg cemetery that faced Abraham Lincoln. He had to be thinking "As president of a war-torn country, and commander-in-chief, what do I say at the dedication of a cemetery filled with the dead of both armies? How do I underscore the inherent nobility of dying for one's country? Also, how do I say it with the minimum of words and the maximum belief in the cause for which these soldiers died?" We know that in his Gettysburg Address Mr. Lincoln did all of that succinctly and memorably well.

Today we hear about a challenge hurled at Jesus Our Lord by some of his sworn enemies. They were only interested in how He would answer their deceitful question. Jesus knew these hypocritical Herodians (followers of King Herod) were only set on entrapment. Of course, the deceivers had no idea that they were confronting God Himself in a human nature, the "true God of whom there is no other" as declared by Isaiah in today's First Reading.

So, after a bit of flattery they asked Him, "Should we pay taxes to Caesar or not?" We know Our Lord's famous answer by heart. Yet, upon reflection, I would end up asking myself: "What do I have that I mistakenly claim is mine that rightly belongs to God? My answer: "Everything!" From the right to life to the right to heavenly life and everything in between."

After all, it enabled me to answer my alarm this morning. More than that, His promise to walk beside me during this new day and every other remaining day of my life is such a gift. This is especially comforting when life suddenly "throws me an unexpected curve ball." His answer to that motley crew on that long ago day about who gets taxes is the only Christian way to live. I take courage from Our Lord's way of handling challenges. Here follows the way someone else did:

When he was a young boy, the great painter Benjamin West decided to paint a picture of his sister while his mother was not at home. He got out the bottles of ink and started, but soon had an awful mess. His mother eventually returned and of course saw the mess. Instead of scolding him, she picked up the portrait and declared, "What a beautiful picture of your sister! Then she kissed him. Later in life he said, "With that kiss I became a painter."

God love you and give you, His encouragement.



HGA Regional School Families, please mark your calendars:

- 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
- Middle School Karaoke Night - Friday, October 27
- Black and Orange Dress Down Day - Tues., Oct. 31
- Winter Uniform Begins -Wednesday, November 1

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.



Next PREP Session is Sunday, October 29th!

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.



Upcoming EVENTS

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

ALL SAINTS DAY
November 1

HOPE, GRACE & ADULTING
November 2

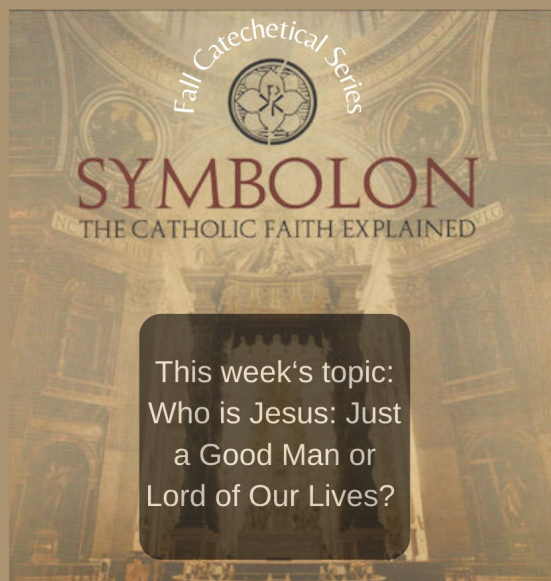
FIRST FIRDAY
November 3

FALL FEST
November 3 & 4

CULTURE OF LIFE MEETING
November 7

PEN 2 PAPER MEETING
November 8

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING
November 29



This week's topic:
Who is Jesus: Just
a Good Man or
Lord of Our Lives?

Join us - Tuesday, October 24th at 6:30 pm
Rectory Basement Meeting Room
No RSVP Needed!

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. Register before 11/13/2023 Cost: \$20.00.

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.

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

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.**

Celebrate St. Columbkil's 25th Basket Party on October 26-29th.

Drawing: Oct. 29th at 12:30 pm. Special Raffle: Two framed prints by "Painter of Light," Thomas Kinkade, and much more. St. Columbkil Church, 200 Indian Spring Rd. Boyertown, PA. For info/tickets 610-367-2371 or stcolumbkil.org

Mass for Healing Sunday, October 29th at Saint Columbkil. Praise & Worship music begins at 6:30 pm, and 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.