

# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Jesus, I trust in you!

Peace be  
with you.  
As the Father  
has sent Me,  
So I send you.

Receive the  
Holy Spirit,  
whose sins  
you forgive  
are forgiven  
them, and  
whose sins  
you retain  
are retained.

John 20:21-23



**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**Saturday Vigil - 5:00 pm**  
**Sunday - 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 am**  
**Daily Mass 8:00 am Monday-Friday**

**Confession**  
**Wednesdays 8:30-9:00 am & 5:15-5:45 pm**  
**Saturdays 4:15-4:45 pm**  
**Sundays 7:15-7:45; 9:20-9:35, & 11:05-11:20am**

**Adoration**  
**Wednesdays 8:30 am - 6:00 pm**

**Rectory Office Hours**  
Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Fridays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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610-921-2729

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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 [bulletin@hgaparish.com](mailto:bulletin@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 Father 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.

**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.

For PREP and RCIA questions, please contact Please contact Kari Mallozzi, Director of Religious Education at 610-921-2729, ext. 2203 or at [kmallozzi@hgaparish.com](mailto:kmallozzi@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. For more information or to speak to someone about a lasting gift to HGA, please contact the Guardian Society at [guardiansociety@hgaparish.com](mailto:guardiansociety@hgaparish.com).

**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.

**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](mailto:prusso@allentowndioocese.org)



# MASS Intentions

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

## Monday, April 8

### The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 am Mitch and Norma Uczynski

## Tuesday, April 9

8:00 am Mother's Day Intentions

## Wednesday, April 10

8:00 am Deceased of Parcell & McGovern Families, requested Harold and Sharon Messer

## Thursday, April 11

### St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 am Vincent Banis

## Friday, April 12

8:00 am Edward Collins, requested by Pat Baker

9:30 am (School Mass) Sylvia Kane, requested by Russ and Caroline Reber

## Sunday, April 14

### Third Sunday of Easter

**Saturday**

5:00 pm Vigil (Live-Stream) Peter R. Kaminski, Jr., requested by Mary Ann Dobrosky

**Sunday**

8:00 am Margaret and Robert McDevitt, requested by the Botch Family

9:45 am Vince Gagliardo, requested by wife, Pat

11:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners

## SANCTUARY LAMP & CANDLE INTENTIONS Week of April 7, 2024

**Sanctuary Lamp in Church:** In Memory of Frank and Loyola Schnable. **Sanctuary Candle in Chapel:** Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Blessed Mother Candles:** Living and Deceased Parishioners. **St. Joseph Candles:** Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Guardian Angels:** In Memory of Walter and Stella Guzowski, requested by 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 Piece

### The Book of Esther

The Book of Esther tells a story of the deliverance of the Jewish people. We are shown a Persian emperor, Ahasuerus, who makes momentous decisions for trivial reasons, and his wicked minister, Haman, who takes advantage of the king's compliance to pursue a personal vendetta against the Jews by having a royal decree issued ordering their destruction. The threat is averted by two Jews, Esther and Mordecai. Their influence and intervention allow the Jews to turn the tables on their enemies and rout their attackers. This deliverance is commemorated by the inauguration of the Jewish festival of Purim on the fourteenth and fifteenth of Adar (mid-February through mid-March). The book confronts the modern reader with important themes, the evils of genocide and racism.

Esther's character matures over the course of the narrative. As a girl she is recruited for the king's harem because of her physical beauty. But at a key moment in the book (chap. 4), she rises to the challenge to risk her life for the salvation of her people. At that point, she transforms her status as queen from a position of personal privilege to one of power and public responsibility. Esther's uncle, Mordecai, appears first as an adoptive father, whose solicitude for Esther leads him to the king's gate, where he foils a plot to assassinate the king. When he learns of the edict against the Jews, he encourages Esther to confront the king. The book ends with Mordecai as the king's chief minister.

The book was probably written in the third or second century B.C. It has come down to us in two versions: an older Hebrew version, and a Greek version based on a text similar to the Hebrew. While there are only a few contradictions between these Greek additions and the older Hebrew text, reading the book with these additions is a very different experience from reading the book without them. The additions to Esther are an excellent example of a process that occurs throughout the Bible: further reflections on the story become part of the story itself. Although the Book of Esther was questioned by some early Christians, even St. Jerome, the whole book, including the Greek additions, was included in the canon of Scripture by the Council of Trent.

Barbara Schwartz, Pattie Mihalak, 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, 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, John Gaetani, Anne Semmel, Sadie West, Justin Shiffer, Giancarlo Diaz, Susan Janney, Julia Shemanski. Kira Christman; Mary Lou Faller. **Names will remain on the list for one month.**



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7** - Mass 8:00 am, 9:45 am, and 11:30 am; Confession 7:15 am, 9:20 am, and 11:05 am; PREP 8:15 am; Baptism 12:45 pm; BINGO Doors Open 12:30, 1st Game 2:00 pm; Divine Mercy Holy Hour 3:00 pm; BSA Troop 161 Committee Meeting 6:00 pm

**Monday, April 8** - Mass 8:00; CYO Track & Field Practice 5:30 pm; Penn Playmakers Basketball 6:00 pm; CYO Meeting 6:00pm; Girl Scouts Meeting 6:30 pm

**Tuesday, April 9** - Mass 8:00 am; Home & School Meeting 6:00 pm; Adult Rec Basketball 7:00 pm

**Wednesday, April 10** - Mass 8:00 am; Adoration 8:30 am to Benediction at 6:00 pm; Confession 8:30 am & 5:15 pm; Senior Club Meeting 1:00 pm; Penn Playmakers Basketball 6:00 pm

**Thursday, April 11** - Mass 8:00 am; Penn Playmakers Basketball 6:00 pm; BSA Troop 161 Meeting 6:30 pm; Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm; Legion of Mary 6:30 pm

**Friday, April 12** - Mass 8:00 am; School Mass 9:30 am; LCCSA Meeting 8:00 pm

**Saturday, April 13** - Nun Run 6:00 am; Confession 4:15 pm; Vigil Mass 5:00 pm (live-streamed)

**Sunday, April 14** - Mass 8:00 am, 9:45 am, and 11:30 am; Confession 7:15 am, 9:20 am, and 11:05 am; PREP 8:15 am

**View the Master Calendar at any time on the website [www.hgaparish.com](http://www.hgaparish.com) and click on "Calendar" at the top of the home page.**

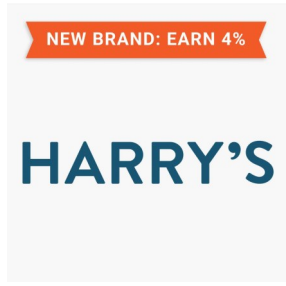


**Special order dates: April 7 & 21. Orders must be received by 1:00 pm and will be available for pick up the Thursday after the Order Date and then after Masses that weekend.**

We are in need of a few new volunteers to help at the Angel Earnings counter before/after weekend Masses. Please contact Anne Malinowski at 610-921-2729, ext. 2216 or [amalinoski@hgaparish.com](mailto:amalinoski@hgaparish.com) if interested.

**NEW BRAND ALERT!**

**HARRY'S!** Available in amount between \$20-\$100. Tired of overpaying for razors? Shop eGift-Cards from new brand Harry's to earn 4%, then browse high-quality shave products, body care, and more, or get everything you need in one starter set.



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If you have any questions regarding the Angel Earnings program, please contact Anne Malinowski at [amalinoski@hgaparish.com](mailto:amalinoski@hgaparish.com) or call 610-921-2729, ext. 2216.

**SERVER/LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE - APRIL 13-14**

	5:00 pm	8:00 am	9:45 am	11:30 am
<b>Servers</b>	Christian Hendrix Noah Hendrix Patrick Manczak	William Johns Sophia Lezette Dane Prechtl	Lia Martina Laceda Mikaela Schmeck Vincent Tartaglia	Matthew Glembocki Collin Kroenig Evan Kroenig
<b>Lector</b>	Kevin Tobias	Fran Krotulski	Jim Harper	Marianne Hertzog
<b>EM</b>	Maryellen LaSota Walt LaSota	Patrick Holland Anthony J. Wiencek	Diane Collins Cathy Moyer	Kelli Glembocki Martha Weida

### Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

It starts in the childhood playground and often lingers through adolescence and even to adulthood. I refer to nicknames. Red-headed Renee or Ricky become known as “Reds.” Other such labels derive from a person’s usual behavior or some event in the classroom or the ball-field, or whatever event that everybody else remembers.

Case in point: the naming of St. Thomas as “The Doubter.” In retrospect, it’s an unfair nickname given to this Apostle who makes a beautiful act of faith to the risen Jesus. (Imagine him doing so on his knees.) Ever since then, Thomas’ statement “My Lord and my God” makes a perfect prayer to say as the priest elevates the sacred Host right after its consecration as the Body of Christ at every Mass.

At any rate, this incident surely makes St. Thomas the patron saint of those who have doubts, especially about our holy Faith. I presume that includes a lot of us from time to time. Let’s start with doubt about the Eucharist truly being the Body and Blood of Christ. Sadly, that embraces a lot of surveyed Catholics these days. Then there are those who doubt our Church’s teachings, sometimes only because they don’t like them. Moving on from there, we have people who doubt the goodness of life here “below heaven.” Doubt their own goodness as God’s creatures. That means they doubt the person in their mirror as having value.

We must always remember that doubt itself is morally neutral. It spurs on a healthy “proing” into what our Church teaches. That, in turn, can lead to a renewed faith. Open-minded research into this or that teaching provides previously untapped evidence. Of course, some teachings, like the Holy Eucharist, ultimately depend on faith, nurtured by prayer. We can be sure St. Thomas prayed.

Today is the Octave, or the eighth day of Easter. Pope St. John Paul II designated it as “Divine Mercy Sunday.” This is a beautiful devotion based on the visions of a holy Polish nun named Sr. Faustina, wherein Our Lord Himself bids us to trust in Him. That’s what St. Thomas did with renewed vigor in that Upper Room. We can do the same. As an anonymous writer put it: “Doubt makes the mountain which faith can move.”

God love you and give you His Easter peace.



Did you know that HGA has a YouTube channel? Subscribe today & be sure to check out Father Hoffa’s “Wednesdays Walking with the Word” playlist!



## LAST WEEK *Collection* ©JPPC

STEWARDSHIP	MARCH 24
WEEKLY	\$10,841.00
LOOSE	\$1,227.00
CANDLES	\$216.00
EMERGENCY	\$65.00
MORTGAGE	\$30.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$2,769.00
EASTER FLOWERS	\$235.00
TOTAL	\$15,822.00

STEWARDSHIP	MARCH 31
WEEKLY	\$10,514.00
CANDLES	\$106.00
EMERGENCY	\$90.00
MAINTENANCE	\$70.00
MORTGAGE	\$138.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$1,604.00
EASTER FLOWERS	\$315.00
GOOD FRIDAY	\$1,871.00
EASTER	\$19,409.00
OTHER	\$25.00
TOTAL	\$34,142.00

*families that*  
**PRAY TOGETHER**  
*stay together.* ©JPPC

## The St. Vincent de Paul Weekly News



The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Holy Guardian Angels Parish is here for you! Our parishioners have consistently supported our efforts to address the needs of others; however, we hope and pray that parishioners in need will reach out to us so that we may be of service to them as well. Please communicate with us through the parish website or call 610-921-2729 (Option 4, then Option 1) if you are in need of food or assistance. ALL COMMUNICATIONS WILL REMAIN STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11  
 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38 The Annunciation of the Lord  
 Tuesday Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15  
 Wednesday Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
 Jn 3:16-21  
 Thursday Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20  
 Jn 3:31-36 St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr  
 Friday Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15  
 Saturday Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21  
 Sunday Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48

**The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on Wednesday, April 17th at 6:00 pm in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room.**



**Knights of Columbus®**

**Interested in becoming a Knight? Please contact Mike Rusak via email to [koc14847@hgaparish.com](mailto:koc14847@hgaparish.com).**



Please join us this afternoon for the Divine Mercy Holy Hour at 3:00 pm. This special holy hour will include prayer, a talk by Fr. Hoffa, and the sung Divine Mercy Chaplet.

## Upcoming EVENTS

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR  
*April 7*

HGA SENIORS MEETING  
*April 10*

MEATBALL MAKING & SPAGHETTI SUPPER  
*April 19 & 20*

PEN TO PAPER MEETING  
*April 24*

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC PREACHER EVENT  
*April 28 & 29*

NJ & NYC SHRINE HOP  
*May 2*

A NITE AT THE RACES  
*May 4*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION  
*May 11*

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING  
*May 14*

MEMORIAL DAY OUTDOOR MASS  
*May 27*

**SUNDAY BINGO at HGA  
NEXT BINGO - SUNDAY  
APRIL 7TH 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.

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**Any homebound parishioner, or family member of a homebound parishioner who would like to receive the weekly bulletin, please contact the Rectory Office at 610-921-2729, ext. 2200.**

**SAVE THE DATES FOR ANGEL FEST 2024  
FRIDAY, JUNE 14 & SATURDAY, JUNE 15**

**RAFFLES!  
MEGA BASKETS!  
BINGO!  
GAMES!**

**LIVE MUSIC!  
FOOD!  
FIREWORKS!  
CARNIVAL AREA!**

**HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH  
ANGEL FEST  
JUNE 14 & 15, 2024**

**For sponsorship information, please contact Anne Malinowski at 610-921-2729, ext. 2216 or email [amalinowski@hgaparish.com](mailto:amalinowski@hgaparish.com).**

**For volunteer opportunities, please contact Kari Mallozzi at 610-921-2729, ext. 2203 or email [kmallozzi@hgaparish.com](mailto:kmallozzi@hgaparish.com).**

**The Diocesan Pilgrimage Committee Announces Plans for 2024-2025! Save the Dates!**

A Local Diocesan Pilgrimage has been planned for September of 2024 at the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA. Please save the dates for Thursday, September 19, 2024 (English), Friday, September 20, 2024 (High Schools), and Saturday, September 28, 2024 (Spanish). The Pilgrimage Committee is actively working on planning future local pilgrimages for the faithful.

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., will be on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Diocesan Pilgrimage tradition to Mary's House is typically held every four years. More information will be forthcoming for individuals, parishes, and schools.

Reservations are now open for the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy with Bishop Schlert & Father Hoffa - Tuesday, March 25, 2025 – Saturday, April 3, 2025. The first Diocese of Allentown International Pilgrimage will "Follow the Footsteps of Saints Peter and Paul" through Florence, Assisi, and Rome. To sign up for the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage, please contact Father Allen Hoffa, directly at [ahoffa@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:ahoffa@allentowndiocese.org) or 610-921-2729, ext. 2205.

**Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to ITALY**  
with Bishop Schlert and Fr. Hoffa

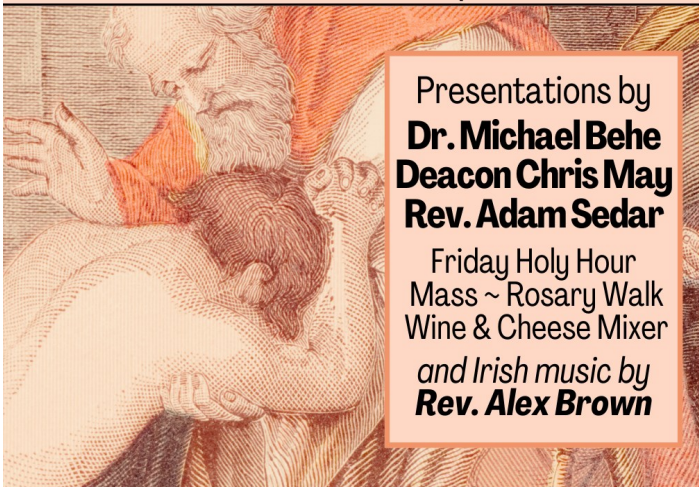
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**MARCH 25 - APRIL 3, 2025**  
\$5,499.00 Per person

DIocese of ALLENTOWN

# St. Monica Ministry Retreat

for families and friends of lapsed Catholics



Presentations by  
**Dr. Michael Behe**  
**Deacon Chris May**  
**Rev. Adam Sedar**

Friday Holy Hour  
 Mass ~ Rosary Walk  
 Wine & Cheese Mixer

and Irish music by  
**Rev. Alex Brown**

**Friday, April 19 - Sunday, April 21**  
 Peace Retreat House, Weatherly, PA  
 Email [StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com](mailto:StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com) before April 7



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

## "LIVING AS A JOYFUL DAUGHTER OF GOD" WOMEN'S RETREAT WITH MAGGIE RIGGINS

St. Mary's Kutztown

The Ladies Auxiliary of St. Mary's Kutztown invites you to join them Saturday, April 27, 2024, 9:30am to 3:00pm, at the Alvernia University McGlenn Conference & Spirituality Center in Reading.

### What is joy and how are we called to rejoice?

This retreat will focus on the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, and St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, as inspirations and instructions to live a life of joy.

Maggie Riggins is a "daughter of the Diocese", growing up in a small coal mining village in Schuylkill County. She attended DeSales University, and Villanova University, earning degrees in Theology and Philosophy. Her professional career began in 2001, working at DeSales University in Campus Ministry. She joined the diocesan staff in 2020 as the Director of Campus and Young Adult Ministry and was promoted to the Executive Director of Evangelization and Formation (her current role) in 2022.

Registration Deadline: April 14th, 2024. For more information, please contact Jane Bennett at (610) 683-7443.



# THE MASCULINE QUALITIES OF THE APOSTLES

WITH HIS EXCELLENCY, BISHOP SCHLERT

12:30PM - 2PM  
 SATURDAY, APRIL 20

ST. MARY'S PARISH  
 KUTZTOWN, PA

MEN GETTING TOGETHER FOR A  
 CONVERSATION AND CIGAR.  
 10 MINUTE TALK FOLLOWED  
 BY FRATERNITY.







The Home and School Association is hosting an HGA Family and Friends Night at the Reading Fightin Phils on Friday, April 26 at 6:45pm Tickets can be purchased at <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Holyguardian8>. We hope you can join us!

Kindergarten 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](mailto:kelpre@hgaschool.org) to set up a tour today!

Come work with our amazing School Family! We are accepting applications for Daily Substitutes for Grades PreK-8th. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and all certifications and clearances via email to [kelpre@hgaschool.org](mailto:kelpre@hgaschool.org).

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Registration is now open for HGA CYO Track & Field for the 2024 Season!

Track & Field is open for all school and PREP students in Grades 5-8. The 2024 registration form and medical release form are available to print from the website at [www.hgaparish.com](http://www.hgaparish.com). You may also pay online. Coaches are needed for all sports and age levels. Any parent or parishioner interested in coaching, please indicate to on the registration form or email [cyo@hgaparish.com](mailto:cyo@hgaparish.com).



HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH  
**P.R.E.P.**  
Parish Religious Education Program

PREP dates for April are Sunday, April 7, April 14 and 28th. Thank you to all of the catechists, volunteers, parents, and students for continuing to make this year of Religious Education, fulfilling, faithful, and fun!

We are already prepping for next year & are looking for new team members including catechists, gym helpers, and greeters! Please contact Kari Mallozzi, Director of Religious Education at 610-921-2729, ext. 2203 or [kmalozzi@hgaparish.com](mailto:kmalozzi@hgaparish.com) to talk about how you can be a part of the PREP team!



### Pray with the Pope - April - For The Role Of Women

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world. For more information visit [www.praywiththepope.net](http://www.praywiththepope.net).



**ATTENTION HGA SENIORS!** Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 10th at 1:00 pm in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room. Our guest will be Kim Kostival who will discuss decorating Hungarian Eggs! For more information, please call Rozanne Thompson at 610-406-3350.



THANK YOU! Together, we changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl. THANK YOU for being a part of this effort!

Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl to the rectory if you haven't already done so or donate online at [crsricebowl.org/donate](http://crsricebowl.org/donate).





FR. PATRICK BAIKAUSKAS

## DIOCESAN YOUTH RETREAT NIGHT

"A Mystery to be Believed, Celebrated, & Lived"

APRIL | 28<sup>th</sup> | 2024

6:30-8pm - ADORATION  
7pm - PRESENTATION

HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH  
3121 KUTZTOWN RD, READING, PA 19605

**OUR SPEAKER:**

Fr. Patrick Baikasukas is a Dominican Friar and Director of the Center for Community Engagement and Evangelization at the Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, MO.

Please RSVP by April 23



FR. PATRICK BAIKAUSKAS

## EUCCHARISTIC PREACHER EVENT

"A Mystery to be Believed, Celebrated, & Lived"

APRIL | 29<sup>th</sup> | 2024

6-7pm - ADORATION  
7pm - PRESENTATION

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3121 KUTZTOWN RD, READING, PA 19605

**OUR SPEAKER:**

Fr. Patrick Baikasukas is a Dominican Friar and Director of the Center for Community Engagement and Evangelization at the Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, MO.

Please RSVP by April 23



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**mother-daughter TEA**

Lillian Fallon

Kathleen Chovanes

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The St. Monica Ministry sponsors a monthly Holy Hour to ask Our Lord's mercy and to invoke the intercession of St. Monica for our fallen-away loved ones. Its next Holy Hour will take place at St. Theresa Church, 1408 Easton Road, Hellertown on Tuesday, April 9, at 6:00pm. Presiding will be Rev. Christopher Zelonis, pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish, Lehighton. Immediately following the Holy Hour, a St. Monica Ministry meeting and book discussion will take place in Friendship Hall. All are welcome to attend both the Holy Hour and the meeting, and no registration is required. For information, please email [StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com](mailto:StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com)



St. Peter's School graduating class of 1970 will be having a reunion on Saturday, May 4th 2024 at 6PM at GNA in West Reading. We are looking for classmates. Please pass this news along to anyone you know who may have been in this class. For more information you can contact Theresa (Kimrey) Shumard @ 484-706-4208 or Pat Maureen (Shannon) Walton @ 610-406-2647.

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