



## MASS SCHEDULE

***Saturday Vigil*** – 5:00 pm | ***Sunday*** – 8:00, 9:45 & 11:30 am

***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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Bulletin Submissions

Deadline for submissions for Bulletin - Monday Noon. Please email notices to baregood@hgaparish.com.

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

Mike Rusak - Grand Knight 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

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Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service  
If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse reporting service at [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.





# MASS Intentions

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

## Monday, November 20

**8:00 am Jerry Hartman**, requested by Chris and Nancee Cinelli

## Tuesday, November 21

### The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**8:00 am Mother's Day Intentions**

**9:30 am (School Mass) Livio Cagnetti**, requested by Richard and Rita Gaspari

## Wednesday, November 22 St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

**8:00 am For the Special Intention of Becky Horyczko**

### Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23

**9:00 am Noreen Lawrence**, requested by Jeff and Laura Wilson

## Friday, November 24

### St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

**8:00 am Helena Mihalko**, requested by the Jablonski Family

## Sunday, November 26

### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**Saturday Vigil**

**5:00 pm Nathan Riegel**, requested by Mary Riegel

**Sunday**

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

**9:45 am Bernardino and Teresa Amadio**, requested by Anna Marie Alvine

**11:30 am Julie Gaspari**, requested by Rocky and Mary Guidotto

## SANCTUARY LAMP & CANDLE INTENTIONS Week of November 19, 2023

**Sanctuary Lamp in Church:** In Memory of Deceased members of the Schnable family, requested by Rosemary Schnable.

**Sanctuary Candle in Chapel:** Living and Deceased Parishioners. **St. Joseph Candles:** Living and Deceased Parishioners; **Blessed Mother Candles:** In Memory of C. J. Z.; In Memory of Dorothy and William Matz, requested by daughter, son-in-law and family. **Holy Guardian Angels Candles:** In Memory of Sr. Mary Elvine Dymninski, CSSF, requested by the Family; Living and Deceased. **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.**

# Thanksgiving Blessings



## Padre's Piece

### Doing the Dishes

The Mass is a meal. It is the wedding feast of the Lamb. And just like a meal at your house, the dishes need to be done after the meal.

After Holy Communion, you'll see the priest and/or deacon cleansing the vessels that were used for the distribution of Holy Communion. While this is done partly for sanitary reasons, there is a much greater purpose for this ritual. You see, Catholics believe that the bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus. It is precious beyond any earthly thing. So unlike an earthly meal where any excess food or drink may be tossed out, every bit of the Body and Blood of Christ must be consumed or reverently put back in the tabernacle.

Before using a small cloth called a purificator to wipe the vessels clean, the priest or deacon will first consume any of the Precious Blood that is left in the chalice. They will also look for even the smallest crumb in the ciboria, on the patens and even on the altar cloth. If they find any, they consume them right away. Then each vessel is washed with water, which the priest then drinks. Only then are the vessels wiped clean and put away for the next Mass.

Why does the priest take care of this task? If you had a meal at your house, you would never dream of letting the guests do the dishes, right? A good host takes care of that. So it is in God's house!

**PLEASE NOTE: The Rectory office will be closed  
Wednesday, 11/22, Thursday, 11/23, and  
Friday, 11/24, in observance of Thanksgiving.**

## 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, Giada Caruso, Elaine Egan, Sharon Witman, William Ondich, Marie Scholl, Gene Toplak, George and Kathy Helms, Dennis Dautrich, Melissa Neff, Arlene Kunstek, Robert Keim, Donald Davis, Irvin Lindinger, Msgr. John Grabish, Ramona Teahan. Names will remain on the list for one month.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Sunday, November 19** - Confession 7:15, 9:20, and 11:05 am; Mass 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 am; PREP 8:15 am; Baptism 12:30 pm; Doors Open for BINGO 12:30 pm, 1st Game Called 2:00 pm; Cub Scouts Pack 161 Mtg. 5:00 pm

**Monday, November 20** - Mass 8:00 am; School Board Meeting 5:30 pm; Girl Scouts Meeting 6:30 pm

**Tuesday, November 21** - Mass 8:00 am; CYO Boys Basketball Practice 6:00 pm; Confirmation Parent and Candidate Meeting 6:30 pm

**Wednesday, November 22** - Rectory Closed; Mass 8:00 am; Adoration 8:30 am until Benediction at 6:00 pm; Confessions 8:30 am and 5:15 pm; Thanksgiving Pie Pick Up 3:00-6:00 pm; CYO Girls Basketball Practice 6:00 pm

**Thursday, November 23** - Rectory Closed; Thanksgiving Day Mass 9:00 am

**Friday, November 24** - Rectory Closed; Mass 8:00 am

**Saturday, November 25** - Diocesan Spanish Theology & Ministerial Program 8:00 am; Confession 4:15 pm; Vigil Mass (Live-Streamed) 5:00 pm

**Sunday, November 26** - Mass 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 am; Confession 7:15, 9:20, and 11:05 am; Baptismal Class 12:30 pm.



Only four more special order dates before Christmas!

- 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.

Not sure what you're craving? Mix It Up! First, earn 6% with gift cards for Auntie

Anne's, Carvel, Cinnabon, Jamba, McAlister's Deli, Moe's Southwest Grill, or Schlotzsky's.

Then let your taste

buds decide—gift cards are redeemable at over 4,000 participating locations for any of the above brands.



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.

### St. Vincent de Paul Reminders!

**NOVEMBER "STOCK THE SHELVES,"** will benefit local food insecurity and St. Joseph's Food Pantry. Items needed include canned goods (vegetables, fruits, beans, chunky-style soup), cereal, rice, peanut butter & jelly, pasta & jarred sauce, and canned chicken/tuna. Shopping lists & totes are located at all church entrances.



#### ANGEL TREE DONATIONS

Angel Tags supporting the Salvation Army, Prospectus Berco, and the Veteran's Coalition will be available the weekends of Nov. 18-19 & Nov. 25-26. Donations will be collected from Nov. 25 through Dec. 3. Thank you for your continued support and generosity of our local outreach programs.

#### PACK 'N PLAY DONATIONS

L.I.F.E. House of Berks County has an urgent need for Pack 'n Plays. L.I.F.E. House aids children and their families, parents, emergency or temporary caregivers, and long-term or forever homes. A Pack 'n Play may be the only option for a safe, comfortable place to sleep for babies. If you want to donate a new or used Pack 'n Play, please get in touch with us at svdp@hgaparish.com or call 610-921-2729 (Option 4, then Option 1). Drop-off or pick-up arrangements can be scheduled.

### SERVER/LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 25-26

\*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>	Christian Hendrix Noah Hendrix Meredith Swavely	Libby Huston William Johns Sophia Lezette	Collin Kroenig Even Kroenig Vincent Tartaglia	Dominic Delgado Matthew Glemcocki Lia Martina Laceda
<b>Lector</b>	Sr. Mary Ann	Beth Slater	Jim Harper	Marianne Herztog
<b>EM</b>	Diane Choiniere Lillian Hart	Janet Huston Anthony J. Wiencek	Diane Collins Cathy Moyer	Anne Marie Ferguson Kelli Glembocki

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43  
 Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28 St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr  
 Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19  
 Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48 St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs  
 Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40 St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr; Blessed Virgin Mary

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STEWARDSHIP	NOVEMBER 12
WEEKLY	\$10,822.00
LOOSE	\$760.00
CANDLES	\$218.00
EMERGENCY	\$712.00
MAINTENANCE	\$85.00
MORTGAGE	\$291.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$2,149.00
ALL SOULS	\$120.00
OTHER	\$162.00
TOTAL	\$15,319.00

*The Blessed Mother's Floral Rosary is  
 In Loving Memory of Teresa Trischler  
 Requested by Anne & Tom Semmel and Family*

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



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**Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6; Matthew 25: 14-30**

This week's parable has long been called "The Parable of the Talents." Right away we have a language problem because a talent was not a coin, but a weight. Its value depended on the metal involved, be it copper, gold, or silver. Silver being the most common metal at that time. So, the value of a talent of silver was considerable. It was worth about 15 years' wages for a working man. You may remember the wager that the fictional Messala bet against Judah Ben-Hur in the movie of that name was a thousand talents. A veritable fortune.

The useless servant in Christ's story stands for the scribes and Pharisees and their attitude to the law and the truth of God. Their whole attitude was to "build a fence around the law" so that it would remain intact. Anything new was forbidden, so they "buried their talent," which led to a kind of paralysis of the truth of religion. Hence, their hatred of Jesus for His expansion of the Law of Moses. Like the man who buried his talent, they wanted to keep things exactly as they had been for years. But Jesus taught that there can be no religion without a touch of freedom and adventure.

The parable stresses that we all have differing talents, in the sense of the word here meaning "gifts." God expects us to use our particular talent or talents, in that spiritual sense, for the glory of God and the good of our neighbor. We are not equal in talent, but we can be equal in our effort. So, each member of the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church, has been gifted.

The parable also teaches that those who are punished are the people who will not try. Here we come upon a truth taught so well by Gilbert Keith Chesterton, who wrote that "Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried."

Here in the "vestibule" of our National Day of Thanksgiving, we can be grateful for sure of the talent or talents that God has given us, along with the special freedoms we enjoy in America that permit us to share them, along with our time and treasure, so that the poor among us may always have hope in their hearts also. God love you and Happy Thanksgiving.





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

- Coat Drive Ends- Monday, November 20
- Dine Out Event at Chipotle- Wednesday, November 22
- School Closed for Thanksgiving- Wednesday, November 22- Monday, November 27
- Second Trimester Begins- Tuesday, November 28
- Annual Book Fair- Wednesday, November 29- Saturday, December 2
- Report Cards Issued- Monday, December 4
- Saint Nicholas Day- Wednesday, December 6
- HGA CYO Kitchen Kapers Competition- Wednesday, December 6
- Secret Santa Shop- Monday, December 11- Friday, December 15
- Home and School Association Meeting- Tuesday, December 12
- Annual Christmas Musical- Thursday, December 21

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 supporting Mary's Shelter beginning Mon. Nov. 6- Mon., Nov. 20, 2023.

We hope you will join us at our next Dine Out Event on Wed., Nov. 22, 2023 from 4-8p.m. at Chipotle (4300 5th Street Highway Muhlenberg Location). Show our flier or use code FVMQHZZ for online/app orders. Thank you in advance for your support of our school!

Our HGA Regional School Cougar Cash 50/50 Raffle Sales begin November 13! Last year's winner won nearly \$4500! Visit [holyguardianangelsregionalschool.square.site](http://holyguardianangelsregionalschool.square.site) to purchase your tickets to support our wonderful students! Join us on our Facebook page for a live drawing on Friday, February 2, 2024 at 1p.m.

Current HGA Student Re-Registration for the 2024-2025 School Year through 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.

HGA's Prayer Shawl Ministry will provide shawls or lap blankets to anyone who would like one; they do not have to be a member of our parish. If you know someone who would like the comfort of a shawl or lap blanket, please contact Pat Hansbury (at 610-698-4327/[phansbury16@gmail.com](mailto:phansbury16@gmail.com)) or Barbara Aregood (Tues. or Wed. 9-4 at 610-921-2729 ext. 2201.)

## Upcoming EVENTS

MEMORIAL MASSES  
*November 18 & 19*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANGEL TREE TAG DISTRIBUTION  
*November 18 & 19  
November 25 & 26*

THANKSGIVING PIE PICK UP  
*November 22*

SCHOOL DINE OUT AT CHIPOTLE  
*November 22*

ADVENT CATECHETICAL SERIES - FORGIVEN - BEGINS  
*November 29*

FIRST FRIDAY  
*December 1*

CHRISTMAS CRAFT BAZAAR  
*December 2*

ADVENT VESPERS  
*December 3*

ST. NICHOLAS SHOE STUFFING  
*December 2 & 3*

HEALING MASS  
*December 6*

**Advent Day of Prayer  
December 9, 2023 - 9:30 am -4:00 pm**

Advent is the time of promise! Join us as we explore the doors that await us during this time of promise. Sr. Nancy Iampietro will guide us as we seek and find the door/doors that call to us to open our hearts. We will follow where God leads, not with certainty but rather to be present where we are. This is the place our God is waiting to meet us; waiting to show us the doors that will incarnate His promise to us. 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: [mariawaldcenter@gmail.com](mailto:mariawaldcenter@gmail.com). **Register before 12/4/2023. Cost: \$40.00**

**Women's Advent Retreat: A Season of Joy!  
Saturday, December 16, 9:00 am – 12 noon**

**St. Mary's Church Hall, 94 Walnut Rd., Hamburg, PA**  
Open to women of all ages, the morning will feature breakfast, fellowship, Keynote by Fr. Stephan Isaac, and prayer. Co-Sponsored by the Diocese of Allentown's Bishop's Commission for Women and the Catholic Women's Society of Giving.

**MONTHLY ROSARY FOR FAMILIES:** The Commission for Men will host a monthly rosary for men and their families every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7:00pm. Join us to pray for peace in our nation & in our world, and for an increase in vocations to religious life and priesthood – in our Diocese and throughout the Church. The rosary will be held **Wed., Dec. 20, 2023.**  
[www.menaliveinchrist.org](http://www.menaliveinchrist.org).

**17th Annual Polish Christmas Eve "WIGILIA"** sponsored by the Polish American Heritage Assoc. of Berks Co. will be held Sunday, Dec. 17th at the DoubleTree Hotel in Reading. There will be a cocktail hour from 4:30-5:30 pm followed by breaking and sharing of the Christmas Wafer, Dinner Singing of Christmas Carols and Assorted Desserts, Coffee & Tea. Cost: Adult member \$65; Non-Member \$75. 12 years & younger of member \$45, non-member child \$50. For questions, contact Henry M. Pruski 610-372-1279 after 7pm. **For More Info:** There are invitation/reservation forms (*including menu*) at all church entrances.

**Next First Friday Devotions will be  
Friday, December 1, 2023.**

**7:00 am Exposition & Devotions**  
**7:00 – 7:40 am Confessions**  
**7:45 am Benediction**  
**8:00 am Mass**



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