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Daily – Monday through Friday 8:00 am

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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, 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

Grand Knight - Joe Farley
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, September 4 Labor Day

9:00 am Concetta Brancadora, requested by Frances Schroeder

Tuesday, September 5

8:00 am Father's Day Intentions

Wednesday, September 6

8:00 am Paul and Larry Valeriano, requested by Rocky and Mary Guidotto

Thursday, September 7

8:00 am Memorial Fund Members

Friday, September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am Mike and Sam Napoletano, requested by Marge Becker

9:30 am (School Mass) Violet Cucinotta, requested by Russ and Caroline Reber

Sunday, September 10

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm Intentions of Germano and Rita Amadio on their 45th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday

8:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners

9:45 am Living and Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

11:30 am Anne O'Pake, requested by the Malinowski Family

SANCTUARY LAMP & CANDLE INTENTIONS Week of September 3, 2023

Sanctuary Lamp in Church: In Memory of Ann Marie Shiber requested by her Mom, Albina Thompson. **Sanctuary Candle in Chapel:** In Memory of C.J.Z. **St. Joseph Candles:** In Memory of Sr. Mary Doloritas Typanski, O.F.M., requested by the Family; Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Blessed Mother Candles:** In Memory of Walter and Josephine Cichocki requested by daughter, Joan; In Memory of Jane Mathias requested by Judy Stump. **Holy Guardian Angels Candles:** 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.**

Dear Parishioners,

Receive greetings of Peace and Blessings!

I wish to express my deepest gratitude to all Parishioners for your love, care and support for me during my stay and ministry at Holy Guardian Angels. I also thank you for your kind words, cards and gifts in cash and kind.

I am highly pleased with everything you did for me. May God bless everyone. With the assurance of my prayers for you, I am, Yours in Christ, Father Ababio

Padre's Piece

The Institution Narrative

Catholics believe that Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper. All three of the synoptic Gospels -Matthew, Mark and Luke -tell the story. St. Paul also recounts it in 1 Corinthians 11. "The Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

This institution narrative is part of every Eucharistic Prayer at Mass. This is the moment when simple bread and wine become the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ.

In Exodus 12, God told the children of Israel to celebrate the Passover as a "perpetual institution." In order to keep this institution alive and present to all generations, they told the story again and again. So it is with Catholics and the new Passover, the Paschal Mystery of Christ. And just as the Jews believe that they are participating in the Passover to this day, so Catholics believe that we are participating in the once-for-all sacrifice of Christ. And so, at every Mass, we continue to tell the story...and always will! For further study: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 * CCC 1333-1334, 1353, 1363.



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, Vincent La Fata, 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, Mary Ann McNally, Doris Day, Richard Rothenberger, Serge Kuschick, Jeff Strader, Albina Thompson, Joan Adams, Carol Semanchick, 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, Sr. Josanne Huber. Names will remain on the list for one month

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, September 3 - Confession 7:15, 9:20, and 11:05 am; Mass 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 am; Doors Open for Bingo 12:30 pm, 1st Game Called at 2:00 pm; BSA Troop 161 Committee Meeting

Monday, September 4 - Mass 9:00 am; CYO Mtg. 6:00 pm; Girl Scouts Mtg. 6:30 pm; Labor Day Lottery Drawing 7:00 pm

Tuesday, September 5 - Mass 8:00 am; 1st Day of Pre-K; CYO Volleyball Practice 4:00 pm; CYO Cross Country Practice 6:00 pm; Girl Scouts 6:30 pm

Wednesday, September 6 - Healing Mass 8:00 am; followed by Adoration until 6:00 pm with Benediction; Confessions 8:30 am and 5:15 pm; Rosary Rally 5:30 pm; CYO Cross Country Practice 6:00 pm

Thursday, September 7 - Mass 8:00 am; 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

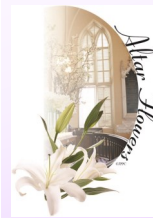
Friday, September 8 - Mass 8:00 am; School Mass 9:30 am; CYO Volleyball Game 6:15 pm

Saturday, September 9 - Confession 4:15 pm; Vigil Mass (Live -Streamed) 5:00 pm; St. Vincent de Paul at Kennedy House; Stewardship Fair After Mass

Sunday, September 10 - Confession 7:15, 9:20, and 11:05 am; Mass 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 am; PREP 8:15 am; St. Vincent de Paul at Kennedy House; Stewardship Fair After All Masses; Doors open for BINGO 12:30 pm & 1st game called at 2:00 pm; BSA Troop 161 Committee Meeting 6:30 pm

We Welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism Kennedy Grace Righter & Harley Grace Hernandez

Congratulations To The Newly Baptized



The Floral Rosary at the Blessed Mother's Altar is in loving memory of Ann Marie Shiber requested by her mom, Albina Thompson.



Angel Earnings News

Special Order Date: September 10th

Orders must be received by 12:30 pm and will be available for pick up on Thursday afternoon after the Order Date and then before/after Masses that weekend.

Wendy's is back in stock and even better - now available in \$25 gift cards!

Back-to-school season is here! Use gift cards for all things fall - last-minute shopping trips, chilly fall evenings, and the start of new routines.

HGA has partnered with RaiseRight to make purchasing gift cards even easier. Use the RaiseRight App to purchase gift cards on the go or standing in line waiting to check out!

Scan the QR code to download the app and start saving today!

If you have any questions about the Angel Earnings Program, please contact Anne Malinowski at 610-921-2729, ext. 2216 or email amalinowski@hgaparish.com. 2016 or email amalinowski@hgaparish.com.



SERVER/LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 9-10

*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	Christian Hendrix Noah Hendrix Patrick Manczak	Nate Holland Samantha Holland Sara Holland	Carlos Flood Collin Kroenig Evan Kroenig	Dominic Delgado Matthew Glembocki Diego Gonzalez
Lector	Jacob Bednar	Caroline Reber	Jim Harper	Sherry Gonzalez
EM	Diane Choiniere Georjean Jones	Patrick Holland Anthony J. Wiencek	Diane Collins Cathy Moyer	Kelli Glembocki Martha Weida



Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30 Labor Day
 Tuesday: 1 Thes. 5: 1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37
 Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44
 Thursday: Col 1: 9 -14; Lk 5:1-11
 Friday: Mi 5:1- 4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:
 18-23 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Saturday: Col 1: 21-23; Lk 6:1 - 5
 Sunday: Ez 33: 7-9; Rom 13: 8-10; Mt 18: 15-20

LAST WEEK *Collection* ©JPPC

STEWARDSHIP	AUGUST 27
WEEKLY	\$8,439.00
LOOSE	\$649.00
CANDLES	\$230.00
MORTGAGE	\$10.00
EMERGENCY	\$190.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$2,774.00
ASSUMPTION	\$277.00
TOTAL	\$12,569.00

A special collection will be taken up next weekend, September 9 & 10 for the victims of the fires in Maui, Hawaii. Please use the Emergency Envelope included with your regular envelopes for this collection. Thank you for your generosity!

STOCK THE SHELVES - Giving Hope to Those

in Need. How it works: Each month, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will provide a "shopping list" of requested items by a specific organization. Tote bags and lists are available at all church entrances. Take a list and tote bag, purchase the items requested, and return the tote of donated items to the base of those stands before or after all weekend masses. The outside collection bin is available 24/7, located behind the Chapel. Special envelopes are available on the tote bag stands for monetary and gift card donations. These envelopes can be returned to the rectory or placed in the stewardship baskets at mass.



Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson Jeremiah 20: 7-9; Romans 12: 1-2; Matthew 16: 21-27

The comedian Jim Gaffigan is a funny man; a family man; and the father of five. So, when he takes on Disney World as a kind of tortuous experience for both parents and grandparents, he knows of what he speaks, even if he exaggerates a little. Being the escort of five youngsters through the glorified amusement park has all the thrills of babysitting in crowded spaces.

None of that disappointment with any divine promise. Even when what God promises might be something we would never choose. Matthew's gospel presents a special moment in Jesus' life, in which He predicts His coming Passion, death and resurrection. Ever ready with an impulsive reaction, the future St. Peter blurts out a rebuke, only to be called by Jesus as "Satan." The big fisherman had yet to learn about what a divine perspective brings to everything.

Our Lord follows up on His prediction with His qualification for true discipleship: we are to willingly forfeit our own egos and plans. Then comes the real "kicker": our ultimate judgment will depend on our conduct. "Ouch!" you may be thinking.

But we gather at our weekend Eucharist as optimists. We know that our main task is always the same: to know, love and serve God. Our conduct will meet any obstacle if we just keep on trying to do this every day and rely on the Holy Eucharist and the example of the saints for perseverance.

Our American Labor Day holiday was set up not to end the summer and reopen schools, but to honor workers as part of the American organized labor movement. The repair of the I-95 collapse this past Spring was a tribute to the workers who accomplished the job in record time.

But there is a spiritual labor we can do together as a Church to repair any collapse of society's relationship to God, as well as our own, even if both take time and patience. We believe that God has loved each of us into existence as part of His "works," His choice demands that love to be requited. We will only know for sure how well we have done so when a smiling Lord greets us at Heaven's gate.

Meanwhile, other people can mar our good works, or misinterpret them for the flimsiest of reasons. Case in point: a certain priest gave an inspiring homily at Mass one weekend morning. Afterwards, an excited teenage girl greeted Father in the vestibule, and searching for words to express her gratitude she blurted out "Father, I thought your sermon was just superfluous!"

Smiling the priest overlooked the verbal gaffe and simply replied: "Thank you, young lady. You may be interested to know that I hope to have all my homilies published posthumously." "That would be wonderful, the teenager said. "The sooner the better."



HGA Regional School Families, please mark your calendars:

- HGA Regional School Closed for Labor Day, Monday, September 4
- HGA HSA Spiritwear Sale Online at bsnteamssports.com through Tuesday, Sept. 5 (Access Code: GABFB5a68Y)
- Tue., Sept. 5 - First Day of PreKindergarten and Aftercare
- Fri., Sept. 8 9:30 am - Grandparents' Day Blessing and Breakfast
- Tues., Sept. 12 6:00 pm - Home & School Association General Meeting
- Wed., Sept. 13 at 6:00 pm - Meet the Teacher Night (Grades 1-8)
- Sat., Sept. 16 - HSA Designer Bag Bingo, Doors open at 11:00 am, Bingo begins at 12:00 pm.
- Mon., Sept. 18 - School Picture Day (in uniform)
- Wed., Sept. 20 - Early Dismissal (no lunch served, no aftercare)

HGA Regional School students' Fall Service Project will support the Animal Rescue League and Humane Society of Berks County. Our collection will run from Mon., Sept. 18-Fri., Oct. 6, 2023. Thank you in advance for supporting our animal pals!

We can't wait to kick off our biggest fundraiser of the year: **HGA Regional School Danceathon!** Our goal is to raise \$35,000 for financial aid, teacher materials, and student safety and enrichment. Every donation helps. More information to come soon!

Support our school by donating \$5! You will receive a 25% OFF shopping pass for Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Sale on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 (8:00 am - 11:00 pm). Your donation also enables you to register to win a \$100 Boscov's Gift Card. Visit holyguardianangelsregionalschool.square.site, call 610-929-4124, or email development@hgaschool.org to reserve your pass for \$5 today!



WIN \$10,000 CASH!!

The Berks Catholic High School Extravaganza Cash Raffle tickets are now available. The drawing will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7th during the Extravaganza 2023 event. Donation \$100. To buy raffle tickets, please send your check with return address and phone number to: Berks Catholic Extravaganza, 955 E. Wyomissing Blvd., Reading, PA 19611. If you would like to receive an invitation to attend Extravaganza, please call the Extravaganza Office at 610-374-1695.

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.

What's your team's name?

Team Registration is now open!

You may register online at www.hgaparish.com or by paper form. Forms can be printed from the website or picked up at the Rectory. Don't wait!



Upcoming EVENTS

LABOR DAY LOTTERY
September 4

HEALING MASS
September 6

ROSARY RALLY
September 6

SVDP at KENNEDY HOUSE
September 9

STEWARDSHIP FAIR
September 9 & 10

FIRST PREP CLASS
September 10

RED, WHITE & BLUE MASS
September 11

RCIA INFORMATION NIGHT
September 12

SENIOR CLUB MEETING
September 13

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
September 13

HGA SCHOOL PURSE BINGO
September 16

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING
September 17

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING
September 20

The Diocese of Allentown, Commission for Men presents:

CASTING THE NET

"The Evangelization of Men by Men"



DIocese of ALLENTOWN



Msgr. Andrew Baker

**Men's Morning Reflection
September 23rd 8AM**

St. Mary's Hamburg PA
www.MenAliveInChrist.org



The next Knights of Columbus Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 20th, at 7:00 pm in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room.



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SAVE THE DATE MSC Oktoberfest

a celebration of love and service



Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
... the Heart of Christ in the world

Sunday October 8, 2023

MSC Program 1-4 / Grove open 12-5

Reading Liederkrantz

143 Spook Ln, Reading, PA 19606

Dance to the live music of the Josef Kroboth Band, enjoy a cold beer, purchase basket raffle and 50/50 tickets, eat authentic German food, and chat with the MSC Sisters!

To sponsor, volunteer, provide in-kind gifts, and reserve your tickets, visit mscreading.org or contact Carrie Whitmoyer at cwhitmoyer@mscreading.org.