



MASS SCHEDULE

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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, 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.berksatholic.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 18

8:00 am Father's Day Intentions

Tuesday, September 19

8:00 am Gary Herb, requested by Lisa Wood

Wednesday, September 20

8:00 am Thomas Snukis, requested by Nina Snukis

Thursday, September 21

8:00 am Int. of Deacon Konopelski & the Repose of the soul of Alice Konopelski, requested by Laura Wilson

Friday, September 22

8:00 am Pat Sheldon, requested by Anne Carroll

9:30 am (School Mass) Betty Marie Reaser, requested by Naomi Hernandez

Sunday, September 24

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm Living and Deceased Parishioners

Sunday

8:00 am For the Intentions of Caroline and Russel Reber on the occasion of their 40th Wedding Anniversary

9:45 am Arthur Cocroft III, requested by Constance Cocroft

11:30 am Frances Cronan, requested by Vince Cronan

SANCTUARY LAMP & CANDLE INTENTIONS

Week of September 17, 2023

Sanctuary Lamp in Church: Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Sanctuary Candle in Chapel:** Living and Deceased Parishioners. **St. Joseph Candles:** In Memory of Cory John Zahand. **Blessed Mother Candles:** In Memory of Patricia Garrigan; In Memory of Ronnie Crupi, requested by Sue Sweigart. **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.**

Reminder! Please return your Census Form via USPS or you can drop it off during regular office hours: Mon.-Thu. 9am-4pm, Fridays 9am-12 Noon. You may also visit www.hgaparish.com to complete the form online. Thank you!



Padre's Pizze The Mystery Of Faith

At every Mass, the congregation proclaims "the mystery of faith." This happens immediately after the consecration. The priest simply says or sing "The mystery of faith." And the people respond in unison. In the new translation of the Roman Missal, there are three responses.

+We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

+When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

+Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

In our proclamation of "the mystery of faith," we are reminded that what we believe is truly a mystery. How is it that God sent his Son to earth in the person of Jesus, that He died to redeem us and free us from our sins, has given us His Body and Blood, rose from the dead and will return again? A mystery, indeed. It is what the Church calls the Paschal Mystery. And yet, we take it on faith. We believe. And in the Holy Mass, we are not just observers of this great mystery, but we actually participate in the great "mystery of faith."

The annual Life Chain on Penn Ave., West Reading is Sunday October 1st- 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. HGA participants will gather in front of Wendy's.



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 **Names will remain on the list for one month.**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, September 17 - Confession 7:15, 9:20, and 11:05 am; Mass 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 am; PREP 8:15 am; Doors Open for Bingo 12:30 pm, 1st Game Called at 2:00 pm; St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 12:45 pm; BSA Troop 161 Committee Meeting

Monday, September 18 - Mass 8:00 am; School Board Meeting 5:30 pm; Girl Scouts Mtg. 6:30 pm

Tuesday, September 19 - Mass 8:00 am; CYO Volleyball Practice 4:00 pm; CYO Cross Country Practice 6:00 pm; Fall Catechetical Series 6:30 pm; Fall Catechetical Series - Topic: The Journey of Faith: Trinity, Faith, & God Who is Love.

Wednesday, September 20 - Mass 8:00 am; followed by Adoration until 6:00 pm with Benediction; Confessions 8:30 am and 5:15 pm; KOC Co. #14847 Meeting 7:00 pm; CYO X-Ctry Practice (off campus); Pen 2 Paper Meeting 6:30 pm

Thursday, September 21 - 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 22 - Mass 8:00 am; School Mass 9:30 am

Saturday, September 23 - Diocesan Spanish Theology and Ministerial Program 8:00 am; Confession 4:15 pm; Vigil Mass (Live-Streamed) 5:00 pm

Sunday, September 24 - Confession 7:15, 9:20, and 11:05 am; Mass 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 am; PREP 8:15 am; Baptism Class 12:30 pm; Doors open for BINGO 12:30 pm & 1st game called at 2:00 pm



Angel Earnings News

Special Order Date: September 17

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.



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the
Date!

HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH
Annual Christmas Craft Bazaar
SAT., DEC. 2, 2023 9AM-2PM
OVER 40 VENDORS • SHOPPING • FOOD • RAFFLES

First Friday Devotions Friday, October 6, 2023

7:00 am Exposition
7:00-7:40 am Confessions
7:45 am Benediction
8:00 am Mass



SERVER/LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 23-24

*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 Sophia Lezette	Collin Kroenig Evan Kroenig Sam Moody	Carlos Flood Matthew Glembocki Vincent Tartaglia
Lector	Rozanne Thompson	Fran Krotulski	Anne Carroll	Ann Marie Botch
EM	Diane Choinere Denise LeVan	Patrick Holland Anthony J. Wiencek	Diane Collins Cathy Moyer	Kelli Glembocki Lillian Hart



Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10
 Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17
 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35
 Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15
 Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

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 (Option4, then Option1) if you are in need of food or assistance. All communications will remain strictly confidential.

LAST WEEK *Collection* ©JPPC

STEWARDSHIP	SEPTEMBER 10
WEEKLY	\$10,410.00
LOOSE	\$529.00
CANDLES	\$163.00
MORTGAGE	\$948.00
EMERGENCY	\$117.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$2,944.00
WILDFIRES	\$3,130.32
OTHER	\$141.00
TOTAL	\$18,382.32



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

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson Sirach 27: 30-28:7; Romans 14: 7-9; Matthew 18: 21-35

All one must do is experience a heart attack to have new respect for your cardiologist. You not only recognize his medical education, but also the importance of your so-called “ticker” in a way not appreciated before the crisis. I know this personally. In Our Lord’s time, medicine was comparatively primitive. So, people regarded the heart as the seat of invisible realities, and it made you the person you are. People had a spiritual side, but never spoke of something called the “soul.” Handicapped by this, when Jesus urged people to obey His controversial mandate about forgiveness, He appealed to their hearts. In our day, He might appeal to our deepest sensitivity, or our spiritual core. Nonetheless, there would still be His demand that there should be no place in us for “holding on to a grudge.”

This matter of Christ-like forgiveness has all the difficulty of moving a mountain with a shovel. It also contradicts every natural impulse we have not to forgive, to hold on to a grudge, or devise ways to exact revenge against the offender. That behavior is often the “stuff” of courtroom confrontation. What keeps personal attorneys busy. Our American psyche has a way of making us hell bent on protecting our rights. Christ is not against us having our rights. But He cannot tolerate our being “hell bent” on anything. He is both all-just and all-merciful.

But do we ever consider God’s “rights”? After all, He is our creator. He made us from mere dust. Hasn’t He then had the “right, so to speak” to call upon us, His creatures, to choose His way of thinking and acting? True as that is, notice how He “stands back” and grants us the power to disagree with Him! Amazing! But on our part, there lies sin, and every other evil.

Christopher de Vinck, a husband, father and grandfather, and veteran public-school teacher of 40 years, in his book, *The Power of the Powerless*, tells a simple but provocative story. He writes: One spring afternoon my five-year-old son David and I were planting raspberry bushes along the side of the garage. A neighbor joined us for a few moments. David pointed to the ground. “Look Daddy! What’s that?” I stopped talking to my neighbor and looked down. “A beetle.” I said. David was impressed and pleased with the discovery of this fancy, colorful creature.

My neighbor lifted his foot and stepped on the insect, giving his shoe an extra twist in the dirt. “That ought to do it,” he laughed. David looked up at me, waiting for an explanation, a reason. That night, just before I turned off the light in his bedroom, David whispered “I liked that beetle, Daddy.” “I did too,” I whispered back. de Vinck concludes his story by writing, “We have the power to choose.” God love you and give you the grace to choose wisely. God love you and help you to choose forgiveness.



HGA Regional School Families, please mark your calendars:

- Mon., Sept. 18 - School Picture Day (in uniform)
- Wed., Sept. 20 - Early Dismissal (no lunch served, no aftercare)
- Wed., Oct. 4 - Annual Blessing of the Animals
- Thur., Oct. 5 - Confirmation
- Mon., Oct. 9 - No School

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!

Please support our first Dine Out Event of the new school year! Visit Panera Bread (Muhlenberg 5th Street Highway Location) on Wednesday, September 27 from 4-8p.m. and a portion of your purchase will help our school!

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 (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!

Please join us for the first session of the 2023 Fall Catechetical Series, this Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30 pm in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room. We will be using the SYMBOLON Program from FORMED, with a focus on knowing and living the faith. Sessions will continue on most Tuesday evenings through November 28.



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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING
September 17

HGA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
September 18

FALL CATECHETICAL SERIES
September 19

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING
September 20

PEN 2 PAPER MEETING
September 20

PARISH FEAST DINNER ORDER CUT OFF
September 27

HOPE, GRACE & ADULTING
September 28

CONFIRMATION RALLY
September 30

FALL MUM PICK-UP
September 30

**HARVEST FEST '23 at
St. Mary Church, 94 Walnut Road, Hamburg
Friday, October 6 (4-9PM)
and Saturday, Oct. 7 (12-9PM)**

Music, homemade ethnic food, activities, ongoing entertainment and games for all ages including bungee jump and rock wall, hay rides, bounce house, bingo, theme baskets, quilt and cash raffles, corn maze and more! Free admission, plenty of parking, no coolers, no BYOB/F. Questions: 610-562-7657 ext. 0 or www.stmaryhamburg.org or Facebook.



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Featuring: Mary Rice Hasson, JD
Co-Founder, Person & Identity Project



Notre Dame of Bethlehem Church,
1861 Catasauqua Road, Bethlehem,
PA 18018



2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
October 8, 2023



2 talks + expert panel



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Visit <https://www.allentowndiocese.org/gender-ideology> for more information and to register!