



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 – Monday-Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm & Fridays 9:00 am - 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.

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

Mike Rusak - Grand Knight Council
email: koc14847@hgaparish.com.

Wills and Memorials

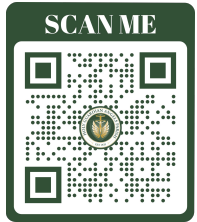
As a lasting remembrance or final gift to your parish, all parishioners are encouraged to include Holy Guardian Angels Parish in their wills or as a beneficiary on an insurance policy. At the time of passing of a relative or friend, consider enrolling them in the Holy Guardian Angels Memorial Fund. Memorials 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

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 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 13
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

8:00 am Intentions of Divine Mercy Chaplet members of St. Ignatius, requested by Michelle Corson

Tuesday, November 14

8:00 am Memorial Fund Members

Wednesday, November 15
St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 am Giacomina Morganti, requested by Giovanni Morganti

Thursday, November 16
St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin

8:00 am Intentions of Harold and Sharen Messer on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary

Friday, November 17
St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

8:00 am Joseph Crnkovich, requested by Barbara Aregood
9:30 am (School Mass) Father's Day Intentions

Sunday, November 19
The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm Ed Collins, requested by Bill and Colleen Blatt

Sunday

8:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners

9:45 am Teresa Trischler, requested by Anne Semmel

11:30 am For the Special Intention of Barry and Cindy Bennett

SANCTUARY LAMP & CANDLE INTENTIONS Week of November 12, 2023

Sanctuary Lamp in Church: For the Intentions of Harold and Sharen Messer on their 60th Wedding Anniversary requested by Family. **Sanctuary Candle in Chapel:** In Memory of Louie G. Dusseault requested by Family. **St. Joseph Candles:** In Memory of Walter and Josephine Cichocki requested by daughter Joan; Living and Dec'd Parishioners; **Blessed Mother Candles:** In Memory of Teresa Trischler requested by Anne and Tom Semmel and family; In Memory of Dorothy and William Matz Requested by daughter, son-in-law and family. **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.**



Padre's Piece Receiving Communion II

Can non-Catholics receive Communion in a Catholic church? The general answer is no, with a few exceptions, such as members of the Orthodox and other Eastern Churches. Let's talk about why. First, know that all are welcome at the celebration of the Eucharist, or Mass. In John 17:21, Jesus prayed "that they may all be one." That is certainly the prayer of the Church. Sadly, though, that is not the reality.

As Catholics, we believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life and worship of believers. We also believe that Jesus is truly present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharist. As such, to offer the Eucharist to those who are not in full communion with the Church would be an act of hypocrisy rather than unity.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church in paragraph 1400 says this: Ecclesial communities derived from the Reformation and separated from the Catholic Church, "have not preserved the proper reality of the Eucharistic mystery in its fullness, especially because of the absence of the Sacrament of Holy Orders." It is for this reason that, for the Catholic Church, Eucharistic intercommunion with these communities is not possible.

Many churches offer an opportunity for our non-Catholic brothers and sisters to receive a blessing in lieu of Communion. In the end, we should all pray for one another, and continue to pray for complete unity in the body of Christ. For Further Study: CCC1398-1401* Code of Canon Law – Canon 844.



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, Romona Teahan, Melissa Neff, Arlene Kunstek, Robert Keim, Donald Davis, Irvin Lindinger, Msgr. John Grabish. *Names will remain on the list for one month.*

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, November 12 - 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 2:00 pm; Vocations Committee Meeting 12:45 pm.

Monday, November 13 - Mass 8:00 am; CYO Girls Basketball Practice 6:00 pm; Girl Scouts Meeting 6:30 pm

Tuesday, November 14 - Mass 8:00 am; CYO Boys Basketball Practice 6:00 pm; HSA Meeting 6:00 pm; Symbolon Fall Series: Why Do I need the Church: The Mystery of the Catholic Church 6:30 pm

Wednesday, November 15 - Mass 8:00 am; Adoration 8:30 am until Benediction at 6:00 pm; Confessions 8:30 am and 5:15 pm; KOC #14847 Meeting 7:00 pm; CYO Girls Basketball Practice 6:00 pm; Pen 2 Paper Meeting 6:30 pm

Thursday, November 16 - Mass 8:00 am; CYO Boys Basketball Practice 6:00 pm; Legion of Mary 6:30 pm; Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm; BSA Troop 161 6:30 pm

Friday, November 17 - Mass 8:00 am; School Mass 9:30 am

Saturday, November 18 - Confession 4:15 pm; Vigil Mass (Live-Streamed) 5:00 pm

Sunday, November 19 - Mass 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 am; Confession 7:15, 9:20, and 11:05 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

SAVE THE DATE!
HGA'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT BAZAAR
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Only four more special order dates before Christmas!

- November 12th
- 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



EARN 6%
MORE FAVORITES, FLAVORS, AND EARNINGS

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.



Cub Scout Pack 161 is looking for some new recruits! The Cub Scout program is open to all boys in Kindergarten through 5th Grade. For more information, please contact Bryan Noll at HGAPACK161@gmail.com.

We Welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism:
Louie Samuel Anton
 God Bless Louie!

SERVER/LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 18-19

*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	Carlos Flood Sam Moody Dane Prechtl	Matthew Glembocki Lia Martina Laceda Mikaela Schmeck
Lector	Barbara Aregood	Fran Krotulski	Theresa Quitinsky	Anne Malinowski
EM	Maryellen LaSota Walt LaSota	Janet Huston Anthony J. Wiencek	Cathy Moyer Denise LeVan	Lillian Hart Kelli Glembocki

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6 St. Frances Xavier
 Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10
 Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19 St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25 St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin
 Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37 St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
 Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8
 Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank the parishioners of HGA for their participation in our recent blood drive. Although we weren't able to host the blood drive on our parish campus, that didn't stop our life-saving parishioners from making the effort to visit the Miller-Keystone Blood Center and donate! Each pint donated saves 3 lives and, thanks to our 18 donors, 54 lives have been positively impacted through our annual blood drive. We cannot thank you enough

*The flowers at the foot of the Crucifix
 are in memory of
 Mary Jane McMenamín
 requested by Colleen, Bill, and family.*

LAST WEEK *Collection* ©JPPC

STEWARDSHIP	NOVEMBER 5
WEEKLY	\$12,645.00
LOOSE	\$779.00
CANDLES	\$193.00
EMERGENCY	\$424.00
MAINTENANCE	\$90.00
MORTGAGE	\$1,191.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$2,685.00
SEMINARY COLLECTION	\$1,004.00
ALL SAINTS	\$3,007.00
OTHER	\$111.00
TOTAL	\$21,125.00

The Allentown Diocese’s Men’s Commission invites you to attend their annual Catholic Men’s conference, “Ask, Knock, Seek”, **on Nov. 18th, from 8am-4pm at DeSales University.** The day-long conference will welcome keynote speakers: Matthew Leonard, Peter Herbek, and Father Larry Richards, who will be speaking on the importance of the masculine pursuit of faith in a modern age. www.MenAliveInChrist.org.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson Wisdom 6: 12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18, or 4: 13-14; Matthew: 25: 1-13

“Readiness!” We say things like “The minor league pitcher is ready for the majors.” Or “The med student is now ready for hospital duty” Or, “The young priest is ready to be a pastor.” All these opinions revolve around our understanding of readiness. The contributing factors include our methods of judgment and discernment, which always involve at least a bit of opinion.

How different it is when we judge ourselves as not ready. Then we grow cautious about taking on a new project in our lives, or even accepting a new truth about ourselves. Particularly in matters of health. I believe that is all very natural. Our Lord is keenly aware of this, as He is about everything. Yet He still wants us to adopt a sense of readiness about our next life. This may be something new for us, especially if we are afraid of it.

In the well-known parable Jesus tells us this weekend, He makes use of a unique situation. Biblical scholars tell us that “the precise matrimonial ceremony is impossible to reconstruct.” All we really must know is that rabbis at the time used nuptial imagery to describe the relationship between God and His people.” So does this greatest of all rabbis.

Obviously, Our Lord recommends being vigilant about His calling us home to heaven. It’s a “November kind of thing.” But vigil-keeping becomes wearying. But may I suggest that Our Lord is speaking more about being ready?

Readiness is a bit different from vigil-keeping. It happens by a steady and consistent effort. It has a goal in mind. We believe we can reach it. The natural world in November invites us to ponder our death, with its often gray days and cold rain in the presence of leafless trees. But at the same time, we can remain hopeful and trusting of Our Lord’s words about our future resurrection to eternally bright days. As He said to St. Thomas: “Blessed are those who have not seen but have believed.”

An Indiana cemetery has a tombstone over 100 years old that bears this epitaph: “Pause, Strangers, when you pass by; As you are now, so once was I. As I am now, soon you will be, so prepare for death and follow me.”

An unknown passerby had read these words and scratched this reply below them “To follow you I’m not content; Until I know which way you went.” God love you and give you His peace.



HGA Regional School Families, please mark your calendars:

- Cougar Cash 50/50 Raffle Sale Begins-Monday, Nov. 13
- Home & School Association General Meeting- Tuesday, Nov. 14
- Coat Drive Ends - Monday, Nov. 20
- Dine Out Event at Chipotle- Wednesday, Nov. 22
- School Closed for Thanksgiving-Wednesday, Nov. 22- Monday, Nov. 27
- Annual Book Fair- Wednesday, Nov. 29- Saturday, Dec. 2
- Secret Santa Shop- Monday, Dec. 11- Friday, Dec. 15
- Annual Christmas Musical- Thursday, Dec. 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 Monday, November 6- Monday, November 20, 2023.

We hope you will join us at our next Dine Out Event on Wednesday, November 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 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 if you choose not to enroll for the 2024-2025 school year. Enrollment to the public will open on January 1, 2024.



**November 12th-PREP SUNDAY
at the 9:45am Mass!**

Fall Catechesis Program is every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory! Please enter through the back door of the rectory. Come join our RCIA candidates as we all continue to learn and grow in our Catholic faith.

Coming Soon to HGA! A Woman's Bible Study for women 35 years of age and older using the *Walking with a Purpose* program. Anyone interested in participating, please call Kari Mallozzi, Director of Religious Education, at 610-921-2729, ext. 2203.

Upcoming
EVENTS

PEN 2 PAPER MEETING
November 15

DEADLINE FOR THANKSGIVING PIE ORDERS
November 17

MEMORIAL MASSES
November 18 & 19

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

THANKSGIVING PIE PICK UP
November 22

SCHOOL DINE OUT AT CHIPOTLE
November 22

RECTORY CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING
November 22, 23, & 24

ADVENT CATECHETICAL SERIES - FORGIVEN - BEGINS
November 29

CHRISTMAS CRAFT BAZAAR
December 2

FIRST FRIDAY
December 1

**Simbang Gabi Schedule
(Christmas Novena Masses) in Berks County**

December 9, 10, 11 (Sat, Sun, Mon) Holy Guardian Angels Church, Kutztown Road, 7 PM (*Dec 9, Sat. Potluck night)

December 12, 13, 14 (Tues, Wed, Thurs) St. Catharine of Sienna Chapel, Perkiomen Ave, 7 PM

Dec 15, 16, 17 (Fri., Sat, Sun) Immaculate Conception Church in Douglassville, 7 PM (Dec 17, Sun., Potluck night & Christmas Party)



St. Catharine's Church in Exeter Township will hold it's annual Christmas Boutique Craft Show on Friday, Nov. 17 from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm and Saturday, Nov. 18 from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. In addition to unique Christmas shopping, a turkey dinner will be available for eat-in or take-out on Friday, starting at 5:00 pm. Also featuring home baked Christmas cookies; homemade foods, and a huge basket raffle, door prizes and the Boutique Bonanza Raffle with \$1,000 as the top prize. Bev McDevitt's Angelorum choir will present a concert for the Boutique beginning at 6:30 pm in the church sanctuary. Enjoy the sounds of the season, great food, and incredible Christmas shopping!

Date Night at Folino Estate

Join us for a Date Night for Catholic Engaged and Married Couples at Folino Estate Winery in Kutztown on Fri., Dec. 1st from 6 to 9 p.m. The night will include wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres, appetizers, open bar, desserts, and an Advent Reflection by the married couple, Tim and Ashley Wood. Each couple will be gifted with the book *Awaited*-an Advent devotional for Catholic couples! Tickets are \$100 per couple. Please register by 11/24/23. <https://www.allentowndiocese.org/date-night>.



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