

*The Second
Sunday
of Lent*



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil – 4:00 pm | *Sunday* – 8:00, 9:45 & 11:30 am

Daily – Monday through Friday 8:00 am

Confessions – Saturday 3:15-3:45 pm; Sunday 7:15-7:45, 9:20-9:35, and
11:05-11:20 am; Wednesday 8:30-9:00 am & 5:15-5:45 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 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 Fr. 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.

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

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.

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.

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



MASS Intentions

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

Monday, February 26

8:00 am Frank Errico, requested by the Kleckner Family

12:10 pm Dorothy LaSota, requested by Megan Bermudez

Tuesday, February 27

8:00 am Theresa Hassinger, requested by Shirley and Ed Hassinger

12:10 pm Richard M. Kostival, requested by Kathy Etchberger

Wednesday, February 28

8:00 am Rose Papich, requested by daughters, LaDora and Candi

12:10 pm Vincent Brancadora, requested by daughter, Joann

Thursday, February 29

8:00 am Memorial Fund Members

12:10 pm Deceased of the Novak Family, requested by Joe and Ann Marie Novak

Friday, March 1

8:00 am Noreen Lawrence, requested by Jeff and Laura Wilson

12:10 pm George Houser

Sunday, March 3

Saturday Vigil

4:00 pm Kathryn and Charles Gehris, requested by Joe and Kim Keresmar

Sunday

8:00 am Eleanor Kotch, requested by Phyllis Kotch

9:45 am Living and Deceased Parishioners

11:30 am Joseph Zebertavage, requested by Anthony Zebertavage and sons.

SANCTUARY LAMP & CANDLE INTENTIONS

Week of February 25, 2024

Sanctuary Lamp in Church: In Memory of Stanley, Victoria, and Anna Menet requested by the family. **Sanctuary Candle in Chapel:** Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Blessed Mother Candles:** Living and Deceased Parishioners. **St. Joseph Candles:** Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Holy Guardian Angels Candles:** In Memory of John Sabo, requested by grandchildren, Johnathon, Amelia, and Jackson; 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 Books of Kings

The two Books of Kings are regarded by many as the last part of a work commonly known as the Deuteronomistic History. The latter tells the story of Israel from its settlement in the land through the transition from judgeship to monarchy under Samuel, Saul, and David to the reign of Solomon, the disintegration of the united kingdom into the kingdoms of Israel and Judah and the eventual downfall of both kingdoms. The Deuteronomistic History along with the Pentateuch forms a single historical narrative stretching from creation to exile.

The Books of Kings can be approached in several ways. They contain history and are an important source of information about the Israelite kingdoms. They are also narrative that calls for careful reading; historical accuracy is sometimes sacrificed to the demands of compelling characterization and dramatic tension. Most importantly, both historical presentation and narrative creativity are shaped by a particular religious worldview.

The multifaceted character of the work means that it has a variety of focal points. The historical events themselves, of course, are important, but the patterns according to which the author organizes those events give a unity to the author's historical reconstruction. The northern kings are condemned without exception, and the royal line degenerates from the divine election of Jeroboam I through a succession of short-lived dynasties to the bloodbath of Jehu's coup d'état, and finally dies out in a series of assassinations. Judah's kings, on the other hand, follow a cyclic pattern of infidelity followed by reform, with each reformer king greater than the last. Unfortunately, the apostate kings also progress in wickedness, until the evil of Manasseh is so great that even Josiah's fidelity cannot turn away the Lord's wrath.

As a literary work, the Books of Kings are admirable. Some of the brilliance is accessible only in Hebrew: wordplays, the sounds and rhythms of poetic passages, verbal allusions to other passages of the Hebrew Bible. Scenes are drawn with a vibrancy and immediacy that English cannot reproduce without sounding overdone. But other literary techniques survive

Do you want to add a name to the Prayer List? Please call the rectory at 610-921-2729, ext. 2200 or email bulletin@hgaparish.com.



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 Swavelly, Loretta Gaetani, Anne Semmel, Sadie West, Justin Shiffer, Giancarlo Diaz. Names will remain on the list for one month.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, February 25 - Confession 7:15, 9:20, and 11:05 am; Mass 8:00, 9:45, and 11:30 am; BINGO! Doors open at 12:30pm, 1st Game Called at 2:00 pm

Monday, February 26 - Mass 8:00 am, 12:10 pm; Berks Catholic Softball Practice 3:00 pm; CYO Grades 5/6 Basketball Practice 5:00 pm; Spanish Marriage Prep 6:00 pm; Girl Scouts Meeting 6:30 pm

Tuesday, February 27 - Mass 8:00 am; 12:10 pm; CYO Grades 3/4 Basketball Practice 4:00 pm; Symbolon Part II - A Love that Lasts: Discovering Authentic Love & God's Plan for Sexuality 6:30 pm; Adult Rec Basketball 7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 28 - Mass 8:00 am and 12:10 pm; Stations of the Cross 8:30 am; Adoration 8:30 am to Benediction at 6:00 pm; Confessions 8:30 am and 5:15 pm; CYO Grades 5/6 Basketball Practice 5:00 pm; Oremus Bible Study 6:30 pm;

Thursday, February 29 - Daily Mass 8:00 am & 12:10 pm; Oremus Bible Study 9:00 am; CYO Grades 4/5 Basketball Practice 4:00 pm; BSA Troop 161 6:30 pm; Legion of Mary 6:30 pm; Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm

Friday, March 1 - First Friday Devotions 7:00 am; Daily Mass 8:00 am & 12:10 pm; School Mass 9:30 am; A Night of Prayer Lenten Holy Hour with Mark Forrest 7:00 pm; LCCSA Meeting 8:00 pm; John XXIII Retreat

Saturday, March 2 - First Penance 10:00 am; Confession 3:15 pm; Vigil Mass (with Live Stream) 4:00 pm ; John XXIII Retreat

Sunday, March 3 - Confession 7:15 am, 9:20 am, 11:05 am; Mass 8:00 am, 9:45 am; 11:30 am; PREP 8:15 am; Heavenbound 8:15 am; John XXIII Retreat



In stock gift cards for Giant, Redner's, Weis, Sheetz, and Walmart are available for purchase after all weekend Masses in the main vestibule.

Special order dates: February 25, March 10, March 24. 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.

Leap into more earnings on February 29th !

What better way to celebrate Leap Day than with major bonus earnings? Participants can take advantage of the extra day and get ready for spring with two days of big bonuses.

Things to know:

- 2 days only – February 29th and March 1st.
- 100+ brands on bonus.
- Bonuses apply exclusively to eGift cards and reloaded gift cards.
- You must have an online account to participate.
- You can plan ahead with a sneak peek of all brands on bonus on Wednesday, February 28 available exclusively on the RaiseRight mobile app.



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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.

SERVER/LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE - MARCH 2 - 3

	4:00 pm	8:00 am	9:45 am	11:30 am
Servers	Dominic Delgado Carlos Flood Madelyn Glessner	Libby Huston William Johns Mikaela Schmeck	Sam Moody Marcus Rundle Vincent Tartaglia	Matthew Glembocki Lia Martina Laceda Dane PrechtI
Lector	Sister Mary Ann	Beth Slater	Jim Harper	Anne Malinowski
EM	Mark Semprini Tina Semprini	Janet Huston Anthony J. Wiencek	Diane Collins Dan Rundle	Kelli Glembocki Martha Weida

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23
 Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 16:19-31
 Friday Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Sunday Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25

Calling all youth in grades 8-12! A perfect opportunity to earn service hours this summer at the 2024 Angel Fest, Friday, June 14 and Saturday, June 15. Contact Kari Mallozzi at 610-921-2729, ext. 2203 or email kmalozzi@hgparish.com to pick your spot now.

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STEWARDSHIP	FEBRUARY 18
WEEKLY	\$11,988.75
LOOSE	\$2,423.55
CANDLES	\$287.75
EMERGENCY	\$105.00
MAINTENANCE	\$170.00
MORTGAGE	\$280.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$2,729.00
ASH WEDNESDAY	\$2,030.00
OTHER	\$356.00
BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS	\$1,476.58
TOTAL	\$21,846.63

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Fathers and Sons. A unique dynamic. Psychologists have a field day explaining it. But even we non psychologists know that it is in contrast with the bond between fathers and daughters. It seems to me to be a straight bold line, as opposed to one softened with curlicues for the girls. At any rate, we somehow know this without ever being taught. We see it played out in the lives of our so-called “nuclear” or immediate families. It is in play in today’s Scripture Readings for the Mass of the Second Sunday in Lent.

Today the Church presents us with one of the most endearing stories of the Old Testament, manifesting the love between father and son, Abraham, and Isaac. Oh, how Abraham the father must have been conflicted at first, but he knew that what God asked of him must be done. Obedience in the raw. But that very obedience so pleased God that a higher form of Divine Father and son took over. Abraham’s reward would be numerous generations of sons and daughters in a chosen nation.

Fast forward through the ensuing centuries and we are allowed to share through Mark’s writing under the Holy Spirit’s guidance the spectacular transfiguration of Jesus of Nazareth to Son of the Most High, as the Archangel had described Him to His Mother Mary some thirty years prior.

Like Abraham on his mountain top, so Jesus on His, love between Father and Son is apparent. But this time there are five witnesses to it. Moses and Elijah, representing respectively the Old Testament Law and Prophecy now bear witness to someone who fulfills both. Peter, James and John, that favored trio of Jesus, look on baffled to see their Master in a new light, literally and figuratively. It will be in the category of something yet to come, also brought about by an incomparable obedience. The nails will be pounded in; the sword will pierce through, and no angel will stop the soldiers of Rome.

All of this puts our obligatory obedience to God in perspective. It provides not only motivation before it but a wonderful reward after it. This is why we choose our Lenten penances: we have not always obeyed God or done so grudgingly. Time for our conversion, don’t you think?

One day a little boy was riding his tricycle around the block, over and over again. Finally, a policeman stopped and asked him why he was going around and around. The boy answered that he was running away from home. Then the policeman asked why he kept going around the block. Then the boy responded, “Because my dad said that I’m not allowed to cross the street.” The point, I trust, is clear obedience will keep you close to those you love.

God love you and have a good Lent.

The St. Vincent de Paul Weekly News

KENNEDY HOUSE SOUP KITCHEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Saturday, March 9 & Sunday, March 10
10:00 AM – 1:30 PM

Anyone interested in serving, please register for the day you would like to help at svdp@hgaparish.com or call 610-921-2729, Option 4 then Option 1.

STOCKING THE SHELVES Giving Hope to Those In Need

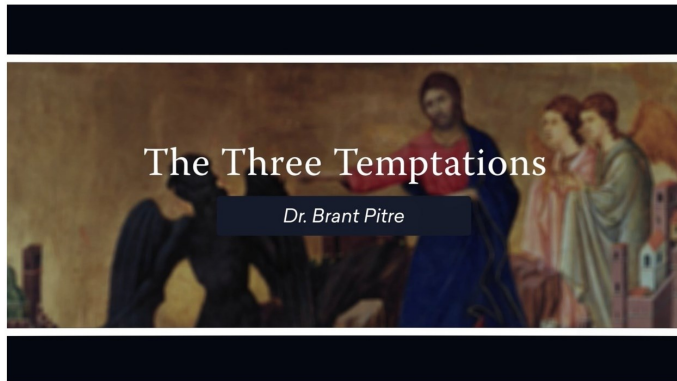
Lenten Outreach: Walk With Us! The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting much needed items for Mary's Shelter, St. Francis House, Berks Heim, St. Joseph's Food Pantry, and Berks Connections beginning Sunday, February 18. Donations can be dropped off at the kiosks located at all church entrances.

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.

The next meeting of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is on Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 12:45 pm in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room.



The Three Temptations with Dr. Brant Pitre

Reflect with Dr. Brant Pitre on the temptations of Jesus in the desert as he gets to the heart of the meaning of Lent.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and ignacius press

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, ext. 2200.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Don't forget to share your feedback on the Disciple Maker Index! The Survey is LIVE and will be open until March 27th. You can visit <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/b3109b> or scan the QR Code below. If you prefer a paper copy, you may pick it up after daily and Sunday Masses. They will be located at all entrances to the church. Paper surveys are also available at the Rectory during regular business hours (Mon.-Thur. 9am-4pm and Fri. 9am to 12pm).



To submit the completed paper survey, please mail to or drop off your survey to the Rectory or you may place it in the collection basket in an envelope marked, "Survey."

Thank you for helping with this important project!



Important Notice from Gethsemane Cemetery: Starting the week of March 15, we will have our semi-annual grave clean-off at Gethsemane and St. Mary's Cemeteries. If you have any items on gravesites you wish to keep, please visit the Cemetery to retrieve the items prior to the week of March 15. Thank you.

Who wants to go on Pilgrimage to Ireland in 2024?

Join Father Hoffa on a 10-day trip to Ireland from October 6-15, 2024 for \$4,999.00 including airfare from anywhere in the U.S.

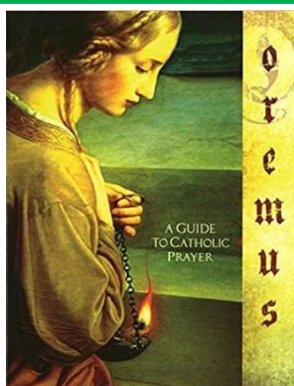
**Galway • Our Lady of Knock • Cliffs of Moher
Killarney • Dingle Peninsula • Dublin**

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about this trip, please contact Father Hoffa via email at ahoffa@hgaparish.com or call 610-921-2729, ext. 2205.



OVERCOMING HUNGER
In Akwangagwel, Uganda, the climate is very hot and dry. Farmers in this region depend heavily on the rainy season

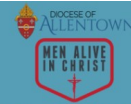
for a successful harvest. But lately—due to the changing climate—the rain has been coming later than it used to and is more inconsistent. Sometimes, when it does rain, it causes flooding and ruins the crops. Learn how Adolf and Florence have taken the matter into their own hands, implementing new farming techniques they learned from a Catholic Relief Services program to improve their farm and fight against hunger in their community. Visit crsricebowl.org to read this week’s Story of Hope.



Do you find it easy to pray? Do you hear God’s voice in your daily life and know how to respond?

Please join us for this year’s Lenten Catechetical Series - Oremus, A Guide to Catholic Prayer & reinvigorate your prayer life. Learn the essentials of a Fruitful Prayer Life this Lent. Wednesday evenings at 6:30 and Thursday mornings at 9:00 am beginning on Ash Wednesday through Holy Week.

Please RSVP to Kari Mallozzi at 610-91-2729, ext. 2203 or kmallozzi@hgaparish.com.



LENT 2024, A TIME FOR PRAYER



Join us for an inspiring morning of reflection on Saturday, March 2nd, 2024
9am - 11:30am

ST. JANE DE CHANTAL PARISH
4049 HARTLEY AVENUE, EASTON, PA 18045



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WWW.MENALIVEINCHRIST.ORG

Pray with the Pope - February 2024, FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL




Grant, O Lord of life, That we may savor every season of our lives as a gift filled with promise for the future. Grant that we may lovingly accept your will, and place ourselves each day in your merciful hands. And when the moment of our definitive “passage” comes, grant that we may face it with serenity, without regret for what we shall leave behind. For in meeting you, after having sought you for so long, we shall find once more every authentic good which we have known here on earth, in the company of all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith and hope. Mary, Mother of pilgrim humanity, pray for us “now and at the hour of our death.” Keep us ever close to Jesus, your beloved Son and our brother, the Lord of life and glory. Amen! For more information about the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network visit www.popesprayerusa.net.




HGA Parish and the HGA Seniors are sponsoring a **Bus Trip to Sight & Sound Theater to see "Daniel" on April 11, 2024.** The trip is open to everyone! Cost of the trip is \$160 which includes transportation, show, and lunch. For further information, contact Rozanne Thompson at 610-406-3350.

Please continue to keep Fr. Camilli in your prayers during his recovery. If you would like to send a note or card to Fr. Camilli, you may send it to: Sacred Heart Villa, 3300 Station Ave., Center Valley, PA 18034. Attn: Fr. E. Michael Camilli




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



Tickets are selling fast! Don't forget to purchase your tickets for HGA's private showing of CABRINI, on Sunday, March 10, 2024 at 2:00 pm at the AMC Fairgrounds Theater. Tickets are \$15 each. For \$25 you will receive a ticket for the movie and a \$10 voucher for a medium popcorn/soda combo. The concession stand will be open for other snacks and drinks.

Pick up a paper form at the rectory or in the flyer racks in all entrances to the church. Visit the HGA website at www.hgaparish.com to purchase online via SQUARE. You will not need a physical ticket. Movie-goers will be checked in at the door on the day of the event. Don't miss this inspiring and uplifting true story of the first North American Saint!



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR
THE 2024 HGA SPRING CRAFT FAIR
SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
OVER 65 VENDORS, FOOD, CASH RAFFLE,
BASKET RAFFLES, & MORE!**



All vendor spots are now sold out! This year's Craft Fair will be the biggest one ever with over 65 vendors!

The Committee is accepting monetary or gift card donations to help offset the cost of the Craft Fair. Donations may be mailed to or dropped off at the Rectory or placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Spring Craft Fair." You can also scan the QR code to donate.

We are in need of volunteers and baked goods for the bake sale! If you would like to donate a homemade item for the bake sale, please email hgacrafts@hgaparish.com or call 610-921-2729, ext. 2216.





HGA Regional School's February Dine Out Event will be held at Panera Bread on Wednesday, February 28 from 4-8pm. Please show our flier or use code FUND4U online. Thank you for your support!

The Home and School Association is hosting an HGA Family and Friends Night at the Reading Royals on Friday, March 8 at 7p.m. Our School Choir will be singing God Bless America! Tickets can be purchased at <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/hga> We hope to see you there!

Saturday, April 6 is our Home and School Association Ladies Night Out Designer Bag Bingo!

Doors open at 6pm

First Game 7pm

\$25/ticket will include 25 games

Special Games, 50/50, Raffles

21+ event

**Visit holyguardianangelsregionalschool.square.site to purchase your tickets!
Advanced tickets only**

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.

New Student 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 Prechtel at kelpre@hgaschool.org to set up a tour today!

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.

Upcoming EVENTS

HGARS DINE OUT
February 28

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS
March 1

A NIGHT OF PRAYER WITH MARK FORREST
March 1

FIRST PENANCE
March 2

HEALING MASS
March 6

CULTURE OF LIFE MEETING
March 7

LENTEN TAKE OUT DINNER
March 8

CABRINI MOVIE EVENT
March 10

HGA SENIORS MEETING
March 13

**SPRING CRAFT FAIR
HGARS TRIVIA NIGHT**
March 16

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING
March 17



Knight News! Come enjoy the Reading Royals with the Knights Saturday, March 2nd. Information online at <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Hgaknights>. Find our Community on Tabella & be a part of the conversation! The next Knights of Columbus Meeting is Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 pm (door opens at 6 pm) in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room.

SUNDAY BINGO at HGA
The Nicest Bingo in
Town!
FEBRUARY 25, 2024
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. The Progressive Jackpot will be \$350 in 51 numbers!
New Game - First Out!

Join us for a Night of Prayer with Mark Forrest, Irish Tenor on Friday, March 1, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Church.



“Come Walk with Me Lenten Holy Hour” will be a beautiful Holy Hour of music, meditation, and prayer sure to enhance your Lenten journey. This event is free and all are welcome!

15TH ANNUAL
NUN RUN 5K
 MSC Sisters
 MSCreading.org
 Fun Walk 2024



You Must Register by 3/20/24 to Guarantee Your Nun Run T-shirt!

Attention High School Seniors of Italian Heritage: Victor Emmanuel II Beneficial Society offers a \$12,000 scholarship available to Berks Co. High School seniors living in Berks Co. and who are of Italian heritage. Applications must be picked up at your local high school guidance counselor’s office and returned to VE II by March 15, 2024. Any questions, please contact Fred Ranalli Jr. at 610-406-1131.

St. Benedict Prime Timers Tour
- In Conjunction with White Star Tours

ARK ENCOUNTER & CREATION MUSEUM – Williamstown, KY

June 17-20, 2024 ~ 4 Days – 3 Nights

\$745.00 per person - Double Occupancy

\$930.00 Single Occupancy

\$50 Deposit to hold reservation – Balance Due April 1, 2024

Contact Marie Blimline 484-332-3241 or Jeanie Hauck 610-856-7575 for more information.



LENT **SPEAKER SERIES ON**

THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST

"HEALING" BY MAGGIE RIGGINS
 FEB 19 - OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL, ROSETO

"PRESENCE" BY LILLIAN FALLON
 FEB 26 - ST. AMBROSE, SCHUYLKILL HAVEN

"SACRIFICE" BY ROBERT JOHNSON
 MARCH 4 - ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA, READING

"MEAL" BY KRISTIN OSENBACH
 MARCH 11 - SS. PETER AND PAUL, LEHIGHTON

"HOLY" BY FR. JOHN TRIGILIO
 MARCH 18 - ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA, ALLENTOWN

BULLETIN SUBMISSION INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE: Due to holiday publishing deadlines, items for the March 31st Bulletin (Easter) will be due on Tuesday, March 19th at noon.

Regular submissions for the bulletin must be received by 12:00 Noon the Monday before the bulletin is to be published. For example, to have an item published in the January 28th Bulletin - information must be submitted by Monday, January 22nd at 12:00 Noon.

Bulletin submissions should be sent to bulletin@hgaparish.com. Please submit information in plain text in a word document or in the body of the email along with the date(s) you would like the information to be published.

If you would like to discuss your submission or have any questions, please contact Tricia at 610-921-2729, ext. 2202 or email at tchrist@hgaparish.com.

**A LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION -
MARIAWALD RENEWAL CENTER
1094 Welsh Road, Reading, PA 19607**

Saturday, March 9, 2024 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Theme: Crucified King." Facilitator : Fr. Brian Miller, M.Div., M.A., Pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Church, Reading, PA. To register, call 610-777-0135 or email mariawaldcenter@gmail.com. Register by March 5, 2024. Cost: \$40, lunch included.

Are you grieving a past abortion? Rachel's Vineyard is an extraordinary healing opportunity for any person who struggles with emotional and spiritual pain of traumatic pregnancy loss, whether through abortion or miscarriage. Our weekend retreats are a unique and effective process designed specifically to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. In a safe, confidential, non-judgmental group environment, you can grieve your loss while understanding and releasing any deep feelings of anger, shame, and guilt you may have. This process is extremely helpful for people who struggle with forgiving themselves or others. We also welcome those who have worked in the abortion industry heal from their wounds as well. The weekend will help your soul find a voice and transform the pain of the past into hope. Rachel's Vineyard is a "therapy for the soul" that combines a unique and creative process for psychological and spiritual healing. Come to our Healing Weekend Retreat, April 12-14, 2024 in Doylestown, PA, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. To register, or for more information, please call Evelyn at (215) 317-5752.



All requests are strictly confidential.

To financially assist in making this retreat available for future participants, especially for those in need of scholarships. Please email evlynwalsh59@gmail.com for more information. May God bless you for your generosity.