



THE Epiphany



OF THE Kings

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil - 4:00 pm
Sunday - 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 am
Daily Mass 8:00 am Monday-Friday

Confession
Wednesdays 8:30 am & 5:30 pm
Saturdays 3:15-3:45 pm
Sundays 7:15-7:45; 9:20-9:35, & 11:05-11:20am

Adoration
Wednesdays 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

Rectory Office Hours
Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 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 or Father 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

Grand Knight - Mike Rusak
 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.
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MASS Intentions

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

Monday, January 8
The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 am Edward Collins, requested by the Hegedus Family

Tuesday, January 9

8:00 am Deceased of the Schweitzer Family, requested by Pat Hansbury

Wednesday, January 10

8:00 am Audrey Gallagher, requested by Helen O'Boyle

Thursday, January 11

8:00 am Beverly Schnier, requested by Julie Hartman

Friday, January 12

8:00 am Richard Zvitkovitz, requested by Bernadine and Becky Horyczko

9:30 am (School Mass) Charles Miller, requested by the Starosciak Family

Sunday, January 14

Saturday Vigil

4:00 pm George Houser, requested by Mary and family.

Sunday

8:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners

9:45 am Concetta Brancadora, requested by daughter, JoAnne

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

SANCTUARY LAMP & CANDLE INTENTIONS
Week of January 7, 2024

Sanctuary Lamp in Church: Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Sanctuary Candle in Chapel:** Living and Deceased Parishioners. **St. Joseph Candles:** Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Blessed Mother Candles:** In Memory of Joan Bogacki; In Memory of Harriett Kulerski requested by the Family. **Holy Guardian Angels Candles:** In Memory of Lawrence and Catharine Dziedzic requested by the Family; 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 Parish Family,

Thank you all so much for the many cards, gifts, snacks & sweets this Christmas! Your generosity is overwhelming and I am truly blessed. I am grateful for your many kind words of encouragement & offers of prayers for me. Be assured, I pray for all of you each and every day.

As we enter into this New Year of 2024, may all our work continue to be done in the likeness of St. Joseph, and may our love always mirror the united hearts of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

God's Blessings be upon you always, your Pastor,

Father Haffa

Padre's Piece

The Book of Leviticus

The third book of the Pentateuch. It contains laws regarding sacrifices, legal purity, holiness, atonement, the redemption of offerings, and other subjects. Levitical laws provided directives for all aspects of religious observance and for the manner in which the Israelites were to conduct themselves with respect to God and each other.

Leviticus is mainly a collection of laws, and it divides into two major sections, the Priestly Code and the Holiness Code.

The incident of the golden calf and Israel's apostasy were such serious breaches of the covenant that complete renewal as required. The renewal was mediated through Moses and it spelled out the responsibilities of the Aaronic priests, the Levites, and the Lay tribes.

Instead of speaking directly to the Israelites, in the renewed covenant, God dealt directly with Moses, Moses spoke to Aaron and the Levites, and they passed the instruction on to the tribes of Israel. God's presence in Israel was concealed in the tabernacle as the sign of the renewed covenant, and the priests and Levites served as mediators and guardians of the Tabernacle's precincts, following the instructions laid out in Leviticus. The book spells out sacrifices and purity rites and the priestly hierarchy that made it possible for the religious people to make atonement to the Lord.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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, 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, Irvin Lindinger, Msgr. John Grabish, Ramona Teahan, Marian & Al Masi, Beverly Oudinot, Thomas Greth, Damaris Diaz, Zac Schneider, Jim Selig, Peg Devine, Anne Lazar, Linda Swavely, Loretta Gaetani, Anne Semmel, Father Camilli, Sadie West.
Names will remain on the list for one month.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, January 7 - Confession 7:15, 9:20, and 11:05 am; Mass 8:00, 9:45, and 11:30 am; PREP 8:15 am; CYO Basketball Games (Girls 1:30 pm, Boys 2:40 pm); BSA Troop 161 Committee Meeting

Monday, January 8 - Mass 8:00 am; Berks Catholic Softball Practice 3:00 pm; CYO Girls Basketball Practice 6:00 pm; Girl Scouts 6:30 pm

Tuesday, January 9 - Mass 8:00 am; CYO Boys Basketball Practice 6:00 pm; Home & School Meeting 6:00 pm; Symbolon Part II - The Sacraments, Baptism and Confirmation 6:30 pm;

Wednesday, January 10 - Mass 8:00 am; Adoration 8:30 am until Benediction at 6:00 pm; Confessions 8:30 am and 5:15 pm; Senior Club Meeting 1:00 pm; CYO Girls Basketball Practice 6:00 pm


Thursday, January 11 - Mass 8:00 am; CYO Boys Basketball Practice 6:00 pm; BSA Troop 161 6:30 pm; Legion of Mary 6:30 pm; Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm

Friday, January 12 - Mass 8:00 am; School Mass 9:30 am; CYO Basketball Games (Girls 6:00 pm, Boys 7:10 pm)

Saturday, January 13 - Confession 3:15 pm; Vigil Mass (with Live Stream) 4:00 pm

Sunday, January 14 - Confession 7:15 am, 9:20 am, 11:05 am; Mass 8:00 am, 9:45 am; 11:30 am; PREP 8:15 am; Doors Open for Bingo 12:30 pm, 1st Game Called at 2:00 pm.

The Blessed Mother's Rosary is in Memory of Tiffany Brightbill, requested by her Mother, Sandy.



CYO of HGA is currently looking for a High School Basketball Coach. Please contact cyo@hgaparish.com if you are interested.



Angel Earnings Gift Card sales resume this weekend! Please stop by the desk after Mass to pick up your gift cards for Giant, Weis, Redner's, Walmart, and Sheetz!

Upcoming special order dates are: January 7 & 21 and February 4 & 18. 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.

- Shine bright and shop for Valentine's Day at Kendra Scott - eGift cards available in \$50 and \$100 amounts.
- Earnings for Petco gift cards have increased from 5% to 9% eGift cards and \$25 physical gift cards are available.
- Physical gift cards are now available from Chewy in \$25 and \$100 amounts, in addition to existing eGift cards available in \$5-\$500 amounts.

Here are some ways you can earn money for the parish and/or your tuition account with gift cards every day without a lot of extra planning. All you have to do is use gift cards to buy common items like these :

Gas & groceries: The household essentials that every family needs. Pay for your weekly gas and grocery bills with gift cards and watch your earnings add up.

Daily coffee runs: Coffee, tea, bagel, pastry? Whatever your guilty pleasure is, enjoy it knowing you're earning a little something special.

Streaming services: As temperatures start dropping, get cozy on the couch with your favorite flicks. Watch some new releases or enjoy your go-to TV shows.

Buy gift cards for all your everyday shopping on the Raise Right mobile app or website. You can search by brand or filter your search by category to see all of the gift cards available!

If you have any questions regarding the Angel Earnings program, please contact Anne Malinowski at amalinow-ski@hgaparish.com or call 610-921-2729, ext. 2216.

SERVER/LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE - JANUARY 13 & 14

	4:00 pm	8:00 am	9:45 am	11:30 am
Servers	Christian Hendrix Noah Hendrix Sophia Lezette	Nate Holland Samantha Holland Sara Holland	Dane Prechtl Marcus Rundle Mikaela Schmeck	Matthew Glembocki Collin Kroenig Evan Kroenig
Lector	Rozanne Thompson	Sr. Mary Ann	Anne Malinowski	Wendy Freeman
EM	Diane Choiniere Denise LeVan	Anne Marie Ferguson Anthony J. Wiencek	Cathy Moyer Dan Rundle	Kelli Glembocki Martha Weida

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday, January 8, 2024 Is 55: 1-11 or 1 Jn 5: 1-9;
Mk 1:7-11 The Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday, January 9, 1 Sm 1: 9-20; Mk 1: 21-28
Wednesday, January 10, 2024 1 Sm 3: 1-10; Mk 1:29
-39
Thursday, January 11, 2024 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday, January 12, 2024 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1
-12
Saturday, January 13, 2024 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a;
Mk 2:13-17 St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the
Church
Sunday, January 14, 2024 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor
6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Christmas Collection

\$34,904.08

Thank you for your overwhelming generosity!

LAST WEEK *Collection* ©JPPC

STEWARDSHIP	DECEMBER 24	DECEMBER 31
WEEKLY	\$8,371.00	\$9,616.00
LOOSE	\$771.00	\$402.00
CANDLES	\$205.76	\$96.00
EMERGENCY	\$106.00	\$60.00
MAINTENANCE	\$90.00	\$50.00
MORTGAGE	\$80.00	\$138.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$3,424.00	\$5,829.00
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	\$341.00	\$40.00
OTHER	\$10.00	\$125.00
TOTAL	\$13,398.76	\$16,356.00

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2: 1-12

This beautiful Epiphany feast always holds a unique place for me and my family, especially when the date for it was fixed at January 6, the “Twelfth Day of Christmas.” That was my beloved mom’s birthday. Added to the fact that my mother spent her early years in the Epiphany parish located in South Philadelphia.

Now that the Epiphany is celebrated on a Sunday the date is flexible. But this was a good change, because the feast was often lost to churchgoers when it fell on a weekday. The event deserves our full attention because of its significance. What it celebrates is captured in the very word “Epiphany” itself. It means a “manifestation” or “showing.” It is the showing of Christ to the wider Gentile world beyond the world of the Jews. It implies His embrace of the same.

Up until now, we note that Christ came into the Jewish world. Both His earthly parents were good Jews, as were His grandparents and His whole extended family. St. Matthew, writing for Jewish converts to the faith, wanted to let them know that Christ came to embrace the whole world, and not just one nation.

So, for today, we can meditate and learn about “the wideness of God’s mercy.” His divine plan for the salvation of the world does not involve exclusions. Still, the perennial questions arise: “Who or what is at the center of our lives? Is it really Christ Jesus or not?” Here is a selection from the texts for today’s feast found at St. Paul’s Episcopal Cathedral in London:

The Magi

It might have been just someone else’s story;
Some chosen people get a special king,
We leave them to their own peculiar glory,
We don’t belong, it doesn’t mean a thing.
But when these three arrive they bring us with them,
Gentiles like us, their wisdom might be ours;
A steady step that finds an inner rhythm,
A pilgrim’s eye that sees beyond the stars.
They did not know his name but still they sought him
They came from elsewhere but still they found;
In palaces they found those who sold and bought him,
But in the filthy stable, hallowed ground.
Their courage gives our questing hearts a voice
To seek, to find, to worship, to rejoice.

Thank you, Holy Guardian Angels Parish for your generosity this Christmas season!

Angel Tree 2023 gifts brought smiles, joy, warmth, and love to so many across Berks County through local agencies including the Salvation Army, Prospectus Berco, Veterans Coalition of Pennsylvania, and Hope Rescue Mission.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is blessed to have your continued support.

Founded in Paris in 1833, The International Society of St. Vincent de Paul serves over 150 countries with 1.5 million volunteers. HGA parish officially joined its ranks in 1989. In the last year, the Society of St. Paul of HGA has accomplished tremendous work in helping our local community. The mission of the Society is to offer service to those in need including local organizations, individuals, and families through food, clothing, community outreach, and spiritual support. Inspired by Gospel values, Vincentian volunteers embrace works of charity and justice, collaborating with other parish organizations to create new opportunities to help those in need.



HEAR THE CALL TO SERVE?

The amount of time you wish to dedicate is entirely up to you. Meetings are held 5-6 times a year on Sundays at 12:45 pm in the rectory basement. Look for our meeting announcements in the parish bulletin, or contact us, and we will add you to our email list. Contact: Marianne Hertzog, 610-921-2729 (option 4, then option 1) or svdp@hgaparish.com.

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2024 - STOCK THE FREEZER Chili Drive & Valentine's for Seniors & Shut Ins. Stay tuned for details & info!



FORMED THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

Who Are the Magi?

In this FORMED Now! special episode, Dr. Michael Barber sits down to reflect on the Magi from the Gospel accounts and what spiritual lessons can be learned from this historical event recorded in Scripture.

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 gratias press

Make Stewardship Your Resolution in 2024

Making an estate plan is an act of care for yourself, your loved ones, and your community. By creating your plans, you can outline important financial and healthcare decisions for the future, provide for your loved ones, and ultimately, act as a steward of everything God has placed in your care.

Through our new partnership with FreeWill, you can start the new year by completing this important act of care. FreeWill is a secure online platform that can walk you through the process of creating your estate plan — 100% free of cost.

Please scan the QR code or visit <https://www.allentowndiocese.org/giving> to begin.



Catholic Resource of the Week The Sem Says Podcast

Seminarians Talk about Life at the Sem and other matters, hosted by Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in Overbrook, Pennsylvania.

“We're here to have a good time and share with the outside world an insight to our lives as we study and prepare for the priesthood.

What motivated us to join seminary? What kind of things do we study? What are our favorite pizza toppings? Join us as we delve into all these secrets and more!”

The Sem Says Podcast is available wherever you listen in - Apple, Google Podcasts, Spotify, and others. Or visit them on Facebook @semsayspod.





ANNUAL POLISH FOOD SALE!

JANUARY 20, 2024

Delicious Polish food for the perfect dinner on a wintery day!

Choose from homemade halupki and haluski, Kowalonek's Kielbasy, and new this year, Mrs. P's Pierogies – prepared and ready to eat or bags of frozen happiness to take home for another day! Which if you know, you know!



PRE-ORDER ONLY. ORDER DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024

Pick-up: Saturday, January 20, 2024 from 2-4pm at the school

Scan the QR code to order online or use the paper form below. Order forms and payment may be dropped off at the Rectory during normal business hours (Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm, Fridays 9am-12pm) or mailed to 3121 Kutztown Road, Reading, PA 19605 **OR** dropped in the collection basket in an envelope marked, "Polish Food Sale."



Name: _____ Phone: _____

Haluski \$7 pint Quantity: _____ Total: \$ _____
 \$14 quart Quantity: _____ Total: \$ _____

Halupki \$3.00 Each Quantity: _____ Total: \$ _____

Pierogies Prepared - 3 for \$5 Quantity: _____ Total: \$ _____
 1 dozen frozen - \$15 Quantity: _____ Total: \$ _____

Kowalonek's Kielbasy Smoked Ring \$10 Quantity: _____ Total: \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ _____ Check _____ Cash

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH!

It's almost time! Cooks with Collars 2024 is coming! This year, Father Hoffa has a high-ranking, special guest in the kitchen calling the shots! Videos and voting goes live on Friday, January 12th!



**THE FIRST SUNDAY BINGO OF 2024!
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21st**

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 on January 21st will be \$700!
What a great way to start the year!**



Be counted along with other Berks County Catholics when we publish the anti-abortion/pro-life ad in the *Reading Eagle* on Monday, Jan 22, 2024. The suggested donation is \$10/person, \$15/couple or family.

**Connect with
Holy Guardian Angels**

Tabella

Winter Catechetical Series

SYMBOLON
THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED

Join us on
Tuesday, Jan. 9th!

Topic: The Sacraments:
Baptism & Confirmation

Rectory Basement Meeting Room
6:30 pm
No RSVP Needed.

Are you missing calls from Father Hoffa? If you are not signed up for Parish Cast, please contact Tricia Christ at 610-921-2729, ext. 2202 to make sure your contact information is included in the next important announcement! Also, if your information has recently changed, please let us know that as well. Thank you.

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) or Barbara Aregood (Tues. or Wed. 9-4 at 610-921-2729 ext. 2201.)

Prayer Shawl Ministry
KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

Have you visited the new HGA Website? Everything you need to know about HGA is easy to find. Visit the "News & Events" page to stay up to date with everything that's going on currently or to print recent bulletin flyers. Click on "Bulletin" to view the current bulletin and an archive of past bulletins.

WWW.HGAPARISH.COM

QUESTION

If you concentrate on prayer, faith and how much Jesus loves you, you are unable to concentrate on worry and fears, correct?

THINK ABOUT IT



HGA Regional School Families, please mark your calendars:

COUGAR CASH!

Our HGA Regional School Cougar Cash 50/50 Raffle Sale has begun! Last year's winner won nearly \$4,500! Visit holygurdianangelsregionalschool.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 1:00 pm.

New Student Registration for the 2024-2025 school year will open on January 1, 2024. 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! Current students will be automatically be re-enrolled with a registration fee charged to the FACTS tuition account on January 15.

HGA Regional School will be closed on MLK Day, Monday, January 15. We will be hosting several Dine Out Events that day at Austin's, Coastal Grill, and YOGO Crazy. Please show our fliers or mention HGA to support our school!

Save the Date for our Annual Open House and State of the School on Sunday, January 28 from 11a.m.-2p.m. All are welcome to visit our amazing school!



Knight News!

The next Knights of Columbus Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room. The Knights of Columbus Rosary Rally will be held the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm in the Chapel. The next date will be Wednesday February 7, 2024.

Walking with Purpose - So Much More than a Bible Study!



Attention beloved young adult women (ages 21-35). A new opportunity for you to encounter the Lord's love for you is coming to HGA! The group will meet in the Rectory Attic on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 pm beginning on January 10th.

God's love for us is relentless and He calls us to a life of purpose. As we lean into Him, we'll learn that nothing in our lives is wasted. When we discover who we are in Christ, it makes all the difference in the world.

Please RSVP for via email to kmallozzi@hgaparish.com or call the rectory at 610-921-2729, ext. 2203.

Upcoming
EVENTS

HOME & SCHOOL MEETING
January 9

SENIOR CLUB MEETING
January 10

COOKS WITH COLLARS VOTING BEGINS
January 12

SCHOOL DINE OUT
January 15

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
January 16

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING
PEN 2 PAPER MEETING
January 17

HOPE, GRACE & ADULTING
January 18

SVDP MEETING
January 19

POLISH FOOD SALE PICK UP
January 20

1ST SUNDAY BINGO OF 2024
January 14


FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING
January 22


CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS
January 28




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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.


 Lifeline of Berks County is announcing an exciting job opportunity for a registered nurse or physician's assistant who has a passion for life and a willingness to focus on the life-saving work of providing options information to women, STI testing and treatment, and connecting health history information to protecting future reproductive health. This position is initially part time with the possibility of learning to provide ultrasound and/or grow into full time. Contact Stephanie Conrad at 610-374-8545 or sconrad@lifelineofberks.org for an application.

 **The St. Francis Hospice Home in Shillington** is in need of additional volunteers to help provide compassionate, loving care to its residents. Please come and shadow one of our volunteers and see if you are being called to provide this blessed ministry. No medical back-ground is required, just a willing heart. Any amount of time can help. For more info please contact Cathy Goss at 484-645-3981.

Angelorum, one of the choirs of the Diocese of Allentown, and based out of the Cathedral, is a talented group of women whose blend is angelic and filled with love of God. Their style is a perfect combination of traditional and contemporary, all of it directed toward Our Lord. Their music can be heard on Spotify, Amazon music, and many other streaming sites. Please visit their website at www.angelorumvoices.com, subscribe to their Youtube channel, and follow them on Instagram and Facebook!

 **RETROUVAILLE**
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES
Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties, or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 16-18, 2024 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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.


Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal
Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the Because We are Catholic Annual Appeal. Your gift will allow our Diocese to meet the many and varied needs of people in our community. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how big or small. If you did not take the opportunity to make your gift, you may do so at any time over the next few weeks by placing your pledge form in the collection basket or visiting the Appeal website at BecauseWeAre-Catholic.org. Thank you for your support.

Congratulations to Holy Guardian Angels Regional School's Students of the Month for December 2023!



STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Single Catholic Adults (ages 40's, 50's, and 60's) are invited to a mixer on Sunday, March 26, 2023 at Hops at the Paddock in Allentown from



5:00pm-7:00pm to meet people who share your love of the Lord, the desire for friendship, love, or a sense of community. Food will be provided.

RSVP is not required, but helpful in planning. Please email Maggie Riggins at mriggins@allentowndiocese.org to confirm you are attending.

Are you a teacher or former teacher looking to volunteer in our community and interested in teaching English as a Second Language (ESL)? Are you a history and civics buff who would enjoy volunteering to prepare community members for the USCIS Naturalization Test?

The Mother Veronica Resource Center at 449 S. 6th Street in Reading needs someone to teach ESL on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

We are also looking for someone to teach an afternoon Citizenship Preparation class on either Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 12:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. This is a 12-week course (may go up to 14 weeks by mutual agreement). If you are interested or wish to get further information, please contact Sister Cara Garofalo at 484-516-2138 or mveronicacenter@gmail.com. Thank you.

community
 - kindness - courtesy - humanity -
 - cleanliness - alone together
 - strength - love - care
HOPE
 - prayer - trust - distance - safety - patience
 - perseverance - social - selflessness - putting other first