



*The Fourth
Sunday of
Lent*



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 8:30-9:00 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@allentowndioocese.org



MASS Intentions

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

Monday, March 11

8:00 am Mary Alice Kuhns, requested by Laura and Jeff Wilson

12:10 pm Intentions of Ann Marie Novak

Tuesday, March 12

8:00 am Edward Collins, requested by Dave and Ann Carroll

12:10 pm Jane Schaefer, requested by Dolores Shemanski

Wednesday, March 13

8:00 am Mother's Day Intentions

12:10 pm Kathleen and Hubert Coughlin, requested by Pat and Stasia

Thursday, March 14

8:00 am Carolyn Tinneney Graczyk, requested by Alice Belles

12:10 pm Richard M. Kostival, requested by Kathy and William Byerly

Friday, March 15

8:00 am Thomas Ferguson, requested by Joan Shaffer

12:10 pm Vincent Brancadora, requested by Joann Brancadora

1:15 pm (School Mass) Joan Williams, requested by Nina Snukis

Sunday, March 17

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm Lawrence O'Boyle, requested by Helen O'Boyle and Family

Sunday

8:00 am Elizabeth and Angelo Dininni, requested by Teri Hain

9:45 am Holy Name Society

11:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners

SANCTUARY LAMP & CANDLE INTENTIONS Week of March 10, 2024

Sanctuary Lamp in Church: Living and Deceased Parishioners.

Sanctuary Candle in Chapel: Living and Deceased Parishioners.

Blessed Mother Candles: In Memory of Mary Lenich and Thomas, requested by family. **St. Joseph Candles:** In Memory of Mary Lenich and Thomas, requested by family. **Guardian Angels:** In memory of Rosalia Huprich requested by family; In Memory of David Koch, requested by family. **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! THE SATURDAY NIGHT VIGIL MASS RE-TURNS TO 5:00 PM BEGINNING ON MARCH 16TH!



Padre's Piece The Book of Ezra

The book of Ezra begins as 2 Chronicles ended, with the decree of Cyrus the Great that permitted the Jews of the Empire— who had long lived as exiles under the Babylonians – to return home and restore the Temple. The account details the efforts at the restoration of national and religious life, and the institution of a reformed and faithful community.

The renewed Jewish community was a chastened one that has taken the spiritual and moral lessons of the Exile to heart. The fledgling community of the Exile to heart. The fledgling community of the faithful was aware of the dangers posted to it by a pagan world, but also of the moral threats of infidelity to the covenant. Thus intermarriage with gentile neighbors appeared as a grave danger to the tiny community of returned exiles; it might lead them back to the sins of their ancestors, and the small colony of the faithful might once again be overwhelmed by paganism.

Hope is not in the rebirth of the grand Davidic and Solomonic kingdom. Indeed, there can be no question of that; the book shows how completely the little community depended on the pleasure of the Persian emperor. Instead, hope was placed in the proper worship of God in the Temple, in the fulfillment of the liturgical demands, and in faithful observance of God's law.

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 Swavey, John Gaetani, Anne Semmel, Sadie West, Justin Shiffer, Giancarlo Diaz, Susan Janney. Names will remain on the list for one month.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, March 10 - Confession 7:15, 9:20, and 11:05 am; Mass 8:00, 9:45, and 11:30 am; PREP 8:15; Heavenbound 8:15; BINGO! Doors open 12:30, 1st Game Called 2:00 pm; Cabrini Movie Event 2:00 pm

Monday, March 11 - Mass 8:00 am, 12:10 pm; Berks Catholic Softball Practice 3:00 pm; Girl Scouts Meeting 6:30 pm

Tuesday, March 12 - Mass 8:00 am; 12:10 pm; Symbolon Part II - Matrimony & Holy Orders: The Sacraments of Service and Communion; HSA Meeting 6:00 pm; Adult Rec Basketball 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 13 - 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; HGA Seniors Meeting 1:00 pm; School Confessions 12:30 pm; Oremus Bible Study 6:30 pm

Thursday, March 14 - Daily Mass 8:00 am & 12:10 pm; Oremus Bible Study 9:00 am; BSA Troop 161 6:30 pm; Legion of Mary 6:30 pm; Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm

Friday, March 15 - Daily Mass 8:00 am & 12:10 pm; School Mass/Stations of the Cross 1:15 pm; Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm; LCCSA Meeting 8:00 pm

Saturday, March 16 - Spring Craft Fair 9:00 am; Confession 4:15 pm; Vigil Mass (with Live Stream) 5:00 pm; HGARS Trivia Night 4:00 pm

Sunday, March 17 - 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; BINGO! Doors Open at 12:30 pm, 1st Game Called 2:00 pm; St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 12:45 pm; Cub Scouts Pack 161 Mtg.; 5:00 pm; Cabrini Movie Event 2:00 pm

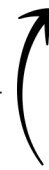


In stock gift cards for Giant, Redner's, Weis, Sheetz, and Walmart are available for purchase after all weekend Masses in the main vestibule.

Special order dates: March 10 & 17, April 7 & 21. 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.

We are in need of a few new volunteers to help at the Angel Earnings counter before/after weekend Masses. Please contact Anne Malinowski at 610-921-2729, ext. 2216 or amalinowski@hgaparish.com if interested.

Product Update! Wawa Gift Cards Available in amounts between \$25-\$100. Fuel your fundraising account with even more earnings from Wawa, your all-day, everyday convenience store. Shop physical gift cards, now with 2% earnings, in \$25 and \$100 amounts.



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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 16-17

	5:00 pm	8:00 am	9:45 am	11:30 am
Servers	Christian Hendrix Noah Hendrix Patrick Manczak	Libby Huston William Johns Sophia Lezette	Sam Moody Marcus Rundle Vincent Tartaglia	Matthew Glembocki Collin Kroenig Evan Kroenig
Lector	Kevin Tobias	Kevin Kelckner	Theresa Quitinsky	Cathy Douglas
EM	Maryellen LaSota Walt LaSota	Patrick Holland Janet Huston	Diane Collins Dan Rundle	Kelli Glembocki Martha Weida

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b
 Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Jn 5:31-47
 Friday Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 Jn 7:40-53
 Sunday Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 Heb 5:7-9
 Jn 12:20-33

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.

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STEWARDSHIP	MARCH 3
WEEKLY	\$13,322.00
LOOSE	\$968.00
CANDLES	\$265.00
EMERGENCY	\$889.00
MAINTENANCE	\$75.00
MORTGAGE	\$1,124.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$2,064.00
OTHER	\$103.00
TOTAL	\$18,810.00

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

In a world mostly powered by electricity, even for our cars, we have in modern times experienced dangerous and even demoralizing blackouts. I say that last aspect because we all suffer from the thieves and other criminals that "make hay while the sun isn't shining." We know that storms with howling winds bring about blackouts, when great trees often topple and bring down wires when they do so. At other times, the blackout comes when the grid is overtaxed by too much call for power when very hot weather brings an uptick in air conditioning use. Even a community like mine, where all wiring is underground, still gets its electric service from overhead wires outside the community. Then for all of us there are no lights anywhere and all the electric gadgets in our homes cease functioning.

The ancient world when Jesus walked was "lit only by fire," as one writer nicely put it. Oil lamps and candles brought the only relief from post sunset darkness. The same fire boiled the water and cooked the meals. So when Jesus preached about His coming into the world to bring light, the impact of His words was strong. We might miss the message at first, surrounded as we are by our fiber-optic bulbs, ever-ready generators and blinking appliances. Still, I believe we instinctively know that evil thrives when our soul's life is strangled by sin.

Lent, if we allow it to be part of our preparation for celebrating Easter, will, through Scripture readings and meditative prayer, turn the inner spotlight on our sins. Not the peccadilloes that dance around the edges of our consciences, but those stubborn ingrained habits in our makeup for which we have made all kinds of excuses to keep in place.

"I'm only human" we say glibly when others notice our this and that which is truly sinful. So we have another drink before we leave to go home. Watch some more porn because nobody's around. Steal a little from the supermarket, or the "Big Box" store because "they make enough money." I remember being shocked out of my naivete when I was a supermarket cashier and witnessed when a fur-wearing matron was caught by the store detective stealing sticks of butter inside rolls of toilet paper. It's not always the poor who steal.

Add in our perhaps habitual lying, or the rash judgments about strangers and family members; and also the sexual selfishness. All the many ways we can use to pretend God doesn't exist or care. In so many situations that popular expression "WWJD" (What Would Jesus Do ?) gets mocked more than minded, but it's a good startup question when you're deciding what to do. Especially when Lenten thoughts stir one's conscience. On this matter, and on so many others, we have today's Responsorial Psalm as a rejoinder:

"Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget you." "You" means our loving God. As the little boy concluded to his Dad after viewing stained glass windows featuring the saints, "I think a saint is a person whom the light shines through."

God love you and give you His peace.

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 is collecting much needed items now through Sunday, March 24. Donations can be dropped off at the kiosks located at all church entrances.

- Mary’s Shelter – Baby Diapers (all sizes)
- St. Francis House – Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Tissues

- Berks Heim – Shawls & Sweaters (size L – XL)
- St. Joseph’s Food Pantry – Cereal
- Berks Connections – 3 in 1 Body Wash, Shampoo/Conditioner, Deodorant, Combs, Toothpaste, Disposable Razors, Socks, Washcloths, Feminine Products.

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.



Winter Catechetical Series

Tuesday, March 12
6:30 pm

TOPIC: Matrimony & Holy Orders: The Sacraments of Service and Communion

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Don't delay in taking the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey! This important survey is essential in helping Holy Guardian Angels assess our greatest strengths and opportunities – so that our parish can thrive! If you're a parishioner, take the DMI survey today! We need your response to help strengthen our parish and better prepare us for the future - as we strive to grow as disciples of Christ. S



To complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey online, visit <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/b3109b> or scan the QR Code. Please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.

If you prefer a paper copy, you may pick it up after daily or Sunday Masses. They will be located at all entrances to the church. Paper surveys are also available at the Rectory during regular during regular business hours (Mon.-Thur. 9am-4pm and Fri. 9am to 12pm).

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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.



**The Diocesan Pilgrimage Committee
Announces Plans for 2024-2025! Save the Dates!**

A Local Diocesan Pilgrimage has been planned for September of 2024 at the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA. Please save the dates for Thursday, September 19, 2024 (English), Friday, September 20, 2024 (High Schools), and Saturday, September 28, 2024 (Spanish). The Pilgrimage Committee is actively working on planning future local pilgrimages for the faithful.

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., will be on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Diocesan Pilgrimage tradition to Mary's House is typically held every four years. More information will be forthcoming for individuals, parishes, and schools.

Reservations are now open for the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy with Bishop Schlert & Father Hoffa - Tuesday, March 25, 2025 – Saturday, April 3, 2025. The first Diocese of Allentown International Pilgrimage will “Follow the Footsteps of Saints Peter and Paul” through Florence, Assisi, and Rome. To sign up for the Jubilee

Year Pilgrimage, please contact Father Allen Hoffa, directly at ahoffa@allentowndiocese.org or 610-921-2729, ext. 2205.



Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to ITALY
with Bishop Schlert and Fr. Hoffa


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MARCH 25 – APRIL 3, 2025
\$5,499.00 Per person

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Registration is now open for HGA CYO Track & Field for the 2024 Season! Track & Field is open for all school and PREP students in Grades 5-8. The 2024 registration form and medical release form are available to print from the website at www.hgaparish.com. You may also pay online. Coaches are needed for all sports and age levels. Any parent or parishioner interested in coaching, please indicate to on the registration form or email cyo@hgaparish.com.

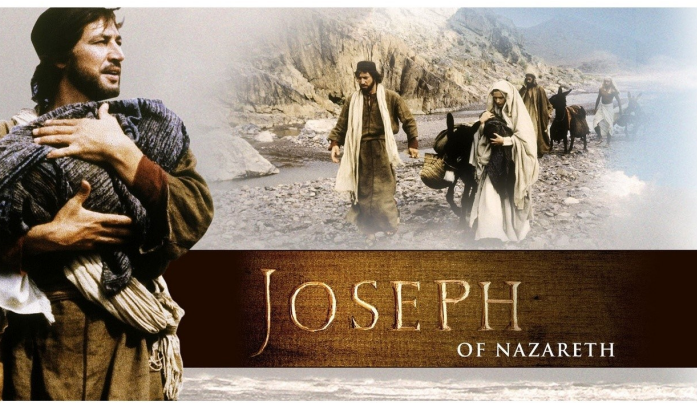


The Sacrament of *Reconciliation* ©JPPC

Congratulations to the 35 children who celebrated their First Penance last Saturday, March 2nd. Please keep all of them in your prayers as they move forward and prepare for First Holy Communion in May.

Any homebound parishioner, or family member of a homebound parishioner who would like to receive the weekly bulletin, please contact the Church Office

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



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Bilingual Freelance Writers Wanted!

The Diocese is looking for freelance writers who are fluent in both English and Spanish.

These writers should be willing to attend special events around the Diocese and write articles about these events.

Articles would be reviewed by the Diocesan Communications team and posted on sites such as AD Today, the Diocesan Website, and Diocesan social media pages.

If interested, contact Lina Tavarez at ltavarez@allentowndiocese.org to submit writing samples or for any questions.



The HGA Seniors will meet this Wednesday, March 13th at 1:00 pm in the Rectory basement meeting room. This week's meeting will feature Tony Farina, Vocalist. If you have any questions, please contact Rozanne Thompson at 610-406-3350.

Mark your calendar!. On April 10th, our program will be on decorating Hungarian Easter Eggs. Our presenter will be Kim Kostival

Don't forget to order your Easter Pies! Choose from Coconut Cream, Peanut Butter Cream, Banana Cream, and Chocolate Raspberry Cream. \$25 each. 10-inch homemade pies by Chef Wayne! Order before 12:00 noon on Monday, March 25th. Pick up will be Saturday, March 30th from 2-4 pm in the Social Hall. Order online on the website or pick up a paper form from the racks at all entrances of the church or at the Rectory office. Completed forms may be mailed to or dropped off at the Rectory or placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Easter Pies."



Are you or your loved one struggling with a serious illness? It can be terribly frightening and disorienting. But, you are not alone. Your parish nurse can spend time with you to assist you in understanding what is happening.

Ask a Parish Nurse for Help
Your first point of contact for the HGA Parish Nurse Ministry is Anne Rosenberger, R.N. who may be reached at 484-650-0195.

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We'll see you at the HGA Spring Craft Fair
Saturday, March 16, 2024 in the Social Hall
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
OVER 60 VENDORS, FOOD, CASH RAFFLE,
BASKET RAFFLES, & MORE!



Who's ready to shop? With over 60 vendors at this year's Craft Fair - there's something for everyone! We'll have representatives from home based businesses including: Tastefully Simple, Tupperware, Norwex, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Signature Homestyle Home Décor, Sentsy, Color Street. There will be many handmade & homemade items also including Easter and Seasonal Wreaths, Pop sockets, Keychains, Wood working, Crocheted and quilted items, Easter décor, Upcycled décor, Homemade Candies, Jewelry, Paintings, Candles, Pet Items & much more! Don't forget the fabulous food & bake sale as well as the Cash raffle and basket raffle! There will be a limited amount of additional cash raffle tickets to purchase at the Fair.



The Home and School Association is hosting an HGA Family and Friends Night at Fantasy Skating on Wednesday, March 27 from 6-8p.m. Admission (\$3) and Skate Rental (\$4) can be purchased at the event. 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 holyguardianangelsregion-alschool.square.site to purchase your tickets!

Advanced tickets only

Our Home and School Association is hosting an HGA Family and Friends Night at the Reading Fightin Phils on Friday, April 26 at 6:45pm Tickets can be purchased at <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Holyguardian8> We hope you can join us!

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!

Upcoming

EVENTS

HGA SENIORS MEETING
March 13

SPRING CRAFT FAIR
March 16

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING
March 17

EASTER EGG HUNT
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST *March 23*

PARISH CONFESSIONS
March 24

HOLY THURSDAY CHURCH HOPPING
March 28

GOOD FRIDAY TAKE OUT FISH DINNER
OUTDOOR STATIONS
March 29

EASTER BASKET BLESSING
EASTER PIE PICK UP
March 30

EASTER
March 31



Knight News! 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.

Don't forget to sign up for the KOC Free-Throw Championship, March 23, 2024 at 2:00 pm. Open to boys & girls ages 9-14. Please visit the website or contact Dan Rundle via phone at 484-332-6828 or email dan.rundle@hotmail.com to register. This is a free event.

Interested in becoming a Knight? Please contact Mike Rusak at koc14847@hgaparish.com.

SUNDAY BINGO at HGA
The Nicest Bingo in
Town! SUNDAY,
MARCH 10TH!

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. **New Game - First Out!** **This week's Progressive Jackpot will be \$400 in 52 numbers!**


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 MSCreading.org
 5K
 Fun Walk 2024




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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.



HOLY SMOKES
 CATHOLIC FRATERNITY

PRUDENCE
 WITH FR. LOPEZ, FSSP

12PM - 2PM
 SATURDAY, MARCH 16

CIGARS INTERNATIONAL
 HAMBURG, PA

MEN GETTING TOGETHER FOR
 A CONVERSATION AND CIGAR.
 10 MINUTE TALK FOLLOWED
 BY FRATERNITY.

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.

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.



It is time again for Mary's Shelter's 2024 Bowl-A-Thon, which will be held on March 17th from 3pm to 5pm.



Help us raise money for our clients and programs at Mary's Shelter, and enjoy a great day of bowling with family and friends. Come join us for family, friends, food, and fun!!

For more information or to register, please visit <https://www.marysshelter.org/events/bowlathon>

You may also contact us via email regarding registration and sponsorship opportunities at office@marysshelter.org

Pray with the Pope - March

FOR THE MARTYRS OF OUR DAY, WITNESSES TO CHRIST Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive. For more information visit [Pray With the Pope – "The heart of the Church's mission](#)



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 eve-lynwalsh59@gmail.com for more information. May God bless you for your generosity.