

# Church of the Holy Angels

September 10, 2017, Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES OF OBLIGATION: SATURDAY 5:30PM  
SUNDAY 8:30AM & 10:30AM

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 4:00PM-5:00PM  
PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY THRU THURSDAY 9:00AM-4:00PM  
OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS

Rev. Andrew Stahmer, Pastor  
Deacon Thomas Conlin

Mary Kay Bartol, Secretary, Organist, Choir Director  
Joette Foris, Director of Religious Education, Guitarist  
Robert Balonis, Maintenance  
Elaine Lutz, Office Volunteer

### FINANCIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Charles Kaminsky, Chairman, Mary Ann Daya,  
Kathy Nolan, Frank Mirarchi, Peter Avellino

### Parish Mission Statement

*We, the family of Holy Angels Parish, a diverse community of ethnic and cultural backgrounds, are united through the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Word of God to all peoples by following the teachings of Jesus Christ.*

*Working together in wisdom and love we commit ourselves in the following ways: protecting the unborn; fostering faith development in our youth; planting new seeds of evangelization throughout our parish family through prayer, spiritual works, education and outreach activities; ministering to the needs of our aging parishioners; promoting holiness through celebration of the sacraments, worship in liturgy, communal prayer, and our faith traditions.*

*Through these actions rooted in charity and mercy, we pledge to pass on our customs and beliefs to future generations, thus preserving our faith traditions for the greater glory of God and as a sign of Christ's love.*

### PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

James Nolan, Chairman, Joseph Meyer, Vice-Chairman, Jeanne Avellino, Pat Bingaman, Sherry Bozza, Maria Foris, Teresa McCabe, Juliann Wanzie, Kathy Pupo, Jeff Kruleski, Alex Clayberger, Lena Leaveck

### MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday, September 9

8:00am Charles Noskoviak  
5:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, September 10

8:30am Patricia Zlocki  
10:30am John Kaszytski

Monday, September 11

6:30pm Charles Gratti

Tuesday, September 12

8:00am Lorraine Terefenko

Wednesday, September 13

7:00am Joseph Davis

Thursday, September 14

6:30pm Fred J. Procopio

Friday, September 15

8:00am James A. Rovito

Saturday, September 16

8:00am Ann Marie Lewandowski  
5:30pm Stanley & John Sylko

Sunday, September 17

8:30am People of the Parish  
10:30am Dolores Furca

*Of Your Charity,* please pray for the repose of the soul of Frank M. Zyskoski, Jr., a member of Holy Angels Parish Family. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

### Sacrificial Offering

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**FINANCIAL REPORT  
COVERING BOTH THE  
WEEKENDS OF  
SEPTEMBER 3 & 10 WILL  
BE AVAILABLE IN THE  
BULLETIN OF SEPTEMBER  
16-17.**



### Hurricane Harvey

Holy Angels Parish will be collecting for the victims of Hurricane Harvey the weekends of September 9-10, and 16-17. If you would like to make a donation, please use a plain envelope and mark "Hurricane" on front. If you would like credit for this donation on your contribution record, please be sure to write name on the envelope if not paying by check.

Please pray for the families that have lost loved ones and all who have lost homes and businesses along with their sense of peace and normalcy. Your prayerful and financial support is urgently needed. Please give generously

Welcome to All!

This church is our heavenly Father's house, a place of solace and grace, so feel at home here. Enter reverently, pray quietly, sing joyfully, listen attentively, give cheerfully and come back gladly. Remain in the church after Mass for some personal quiet time with the Lord and come early before Mass to pray the Rosary with others. If you ever feel unwelcome-let the pastor know!

#### Active Parishioner Status

*We receive many requests for parishioners to be godparents or sponsors for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation and to rightfully enjoy the number of services offered at Holy Angels Parish. Part of the request is to be able to verify that a person is an "active member"*

An "Active Member" is:

1. Properly registered on the parish rolls.
  2. Faithfully attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
  3. Participates in parish activities/ministries when possible.
  4. Uses the parish envelope system for donations.
- These are the main factors that will be considered in making the determination that someone is an "active member. Other criteria are also taken into consideration when requesting a sponsor certificate.*

#### Couples Planning Marriage

For couples who are planning to marry, please check the availability of our church prior to arranging venues.

#### BINGO

Bingo will be held Tuesday, September 12, 2017. Doors open 4:30PM. Game begins 6:00PM.

#### Workers & Bakers

Cakes or pies are always needed for Bingo on Tuesday evenings. Drop off your baked goods at the Activity Center during the day on any Tuesday. Men and women are most welcome to assist with working the floor!

#### Adoration at St. Pauline Center

Eucharistic Adoration is held at the St. Pauline Center Fridays from noon until 10:00PM and Saturdays from 5:00AM to 7:00PM. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed in the chapel on Fridays at 3:00PM

#### Vigil Lights

September 10 thru September 16

Sanctuary Light: *Special intention...*

St. Anthony: *In loving memory of Elaine Duran by husband, Michael*

St. Anne: *Special intention...*

St. Casimir: *Special intention...*

St. Theresa: *Special intention...*

St. Kateri: *Special intention...*

St. Marziale: *Special intention...*

Sacred Heart: *Special intention...*



*Holy Angels Pool Winner  
August 29, Bob Balitchik \$48.00*

#### Kulpmont Knights of Columbus Wine Fest

Saturday, October 14

Holy Angels Picnic Grounds

Noon - 6:00PM

\$15.00 Pre-Sale \$20.00 at the door

Tickets now available at Holy Angels Parish Office.

**Parish Council Meeting**  
Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 7:15PM

**Finance Council Meeting**  
Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 7:15PM

#### Adult Choir

Practice will be held on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 for adult choir. New members are most welcome!

#### Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, September 16

5:30PM Emma Shimko, Noah Shimko  
Daniel Vincenzes

Sunday, September 17

8:30AM Rosalie Mitchell, Liam Bradley,  
Sean Bradley, Kaden Hine

10:30AM Sarah Cooper, Hannah Nolter  
Donald Whalen, Jessica Whalen

#### Diocesan Women's Conference – October 14, 2017

Women of the Diocese of Harrisburg, please mark your calendar for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Diocesan Women's Conference, Saturday, October 14, 2017, at Bishop McDevitt High School. Theme: *"Lead All Souls to Heaven": Mary's Message to Us from Fatima*. Keynote Speaker: Award winning Catholic author and noted speaker, Susan Brinkmann.

The Women's Conference includes 36 workshops from a blue-ribbon list of speakers, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Rosary and Benediction, opportunity for Confession available, beautiful music, good food, a wide variety of exhibitors, and celebration of Mass by Bishop Ronald W. Gainer. Conference information, including Online Registration, is currently available at [www.hbgdiocese.org/women](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/women) Registration brochures for paper registration are also available at parishes and online. Last year we had more than 800 women attend this conference. This year we are hoping for 1,000+ women. Thank you

#### "Jonah"

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Our Lady of Victory #588 is holding a bus trip to *Sight & Sound* in Lancaster to see "Jonah" on Monday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the trip is \$110. This includes the bus, show ticket and dinner at Shady Maple Smorgasbord. Call Mary Snyder at 570-339-0420 to register.

#### PREP

PREP Classes will be held Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 9:00AM for students in Grades 6, 7 & 8.

Classes will be held on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 5:30PM for students in Grades 1 thru 5.

#### Back to School Gathering

On Sunday, September 10, following the 10:30AM Mass, all students Grades K thru 6, from Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School and Mount Carmel Area who belong to our parish, are invited to attend a Back to School Gathering in the Activity Center. We will have pizza, hot dogs, ice cream and back to school items for those attending! Parents please accompany your child.

**Picnic Wrap -up Meeting**  
Thursday, September 28, 2017  
7:15PM in the Activity Center

All picnic committee and interested parishioners are invited to attend.

### **Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John**

Being Catholic takes more than simply believing in God or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer—he wants you to be his disciple and friend. To help you answer this call to deeper friendship with Christ, Holy Angels will begin *Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John* on October 1st at 6:00PM. The study runs weekly through November 19th. For more information or to register see posters and fliers in the back of the church. Or contact Kathy at 570-205-4704 or Debbie at 570-274-5861. Deadline is September 18th. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help us to grow in fellowship as a parish as we grow closer to Christ together.

Participants of *Follow Me* will receive a workbook and will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. The eight 30-minute videos, presented by Dr. Edward Sri, will guide you through the Gospel of John. Dr. Sri will explain how Christ's encounters with others in the Gospel are examples of how he lovingly and persistently calls each of us to a more intimate and life-changing relationship with him.

**Fall Adult Faith Formation Opportunities** - The Diocesan Institute schedule of Fall adult education offerings is now available. Visit [www.hbgdiocese.org/institute](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/institute) to access the schedule and registration information. Numerous courses and sessions are also available via webinar, allowing you to participate from home. Contact Ryan Bolster at [rbolster@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:rbolster@hbgdiocese.org) or (717) 657-4804, ext. 225 for information

### **Eucharistic Devotions**

Please reserve September 24, 25, & 26 as this is the time Holy Angels Parish will celebrate Eucharistic Devotions. Our speaker this year will be Reverend James E. Lease from St. Joseph Parish, Danville. If you are unable to attend all 3 evenings, we ask that you make every effort to attend the Solemn Closing of Eucharistic Devotions on Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00PM. Addition information is on the back of the calendar.

### **Designer Purse and Accessories Bingo**

Divine Redeemer Parish will hold a "Designer Purse and Accessories Bingo" on Sunday, September 17, 2017 in Divine Mercy Hall, 400 Block of West Cherry Street, Mount Carmel, PA.

Doors open at 1:00 PM.

Bingo starts at 2:00 PM

Admission: \$25.00 at the Door.

Advanced Tickets: \$20.00.

For Advanced Tickets Call: 570-590-5849 or 570-205-8751.

Food and Refreshments will be available for sale  
Purses will be Vera Bradley, Charming Charlie, Coach,

Michael Kors, and Dooney & Burke

### **New Altar Servers**

Any student of the parish, Grades 3 & up, who is interested in becoming an altar server is asked to sign up in the vestibule. The first practice will be held on Saturday, September 9 at 9:00AM, with future practices being held on September 16, 23, & 30 at 9:00AM.

**Annual White Mass** - The Harrisburg Diocesan Guild of the Catholic Medical Association invites all Catholic physicians, healthcare workers, medical students, residents, and their families to attend The Annual White Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Harrisburg on Sunday, September 17, 2017, 9:30 AM at Saint Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg. Please RSVP for the reception to [kneri@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:kneri@hbgdiocese.org).

### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults A Journey of Faith towards Christian Initiation in the Catholic Church**

#### **What is RCIA?**

RCIA is a process of prayer, study, discussion and celebration for:

- † Un-baptized adults who wish to learn about the Catholic Faith, and the possibility of becoming Catholic.
- † Baptized Christians from other faiths who want to learn more about the Catholic Faith and the possibility of becoming Catholic.
- † Baptized Catholics who have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation, that is Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation, who desire to enter fully into the community of the Catholic Church.
- † Fully initiated Catholics who wish to update themselves on the teachings of the Church.

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- ✦ If you know someone who is thinking about becoming a Catholic, encourage him or her to take part in the RCIA.
  - ✦ If you are interested in finding out more about the RCIA at Holy Angels, please contact Father Andrew at 570-373-1221.
  - ✦ Please pray for the success of the RCIA and the intentions of the participants and team leaders.
- The first gathering will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at 9:00AM in the rectory.**

### **Craft Fair and Bake Sale**

Holy Angels Ladies Organization is holding a craft fair and bake sale in the activity center on Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 9am until 3 pm. We are looking for vendors who would like to participate in this event with us. Individual crafters are welcome to reserve a table also. For more information call Millie at (570-875-9799) or Ann at (570)-373-5741. Hope to see you!

### **Lottery Calendars**

Beginning the weekend of September 9 & 10, Lottery Calendars for the month of October will be available after the weekend Masses in the vestibule. Donation \$5.00 for 2 winning numbers! Please support this fund-raiser.

### **Chicken Bar-B-Que**

Mother Cabrini Church, Shamokin

Sunday, October 1, 2017

11:00AM – 2:00PM

"Cabrini Shed", (corner of Race & Cherry Streets).

The dinner will include a ½ chicken,

homemade potato salad, baked beans & roll.

Donation \$8.00.

Tickets can be purchased at Mother Cabrini Parish Office

or by calling 570-648-4512

(Take Out Only).

## Calendar

### Monday

September 11  
Weekday  
Col 1:24–2:3  
Lk 6:6–11

### Tuesday

September 12  
Weekday  
Col 2:6–15  
Lk 6:12–19

### Wednesday

September 13  
St. John Chrysostom,  
Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church  
Col 3:1–11  
Lk 6:20–26

### Thursday

September 14  
The Exaltation  
of the Holy Cross  
Nm 21:4b–9  
Phil 2:6–11  
Jn 3:13–17

### Friday

September 15  
Our Lady of Sorrows  
1 Tm 1:1–2, 12–14  
Jn 19:25–27 or  
Lk 2:33–35

### Saturday

September 16  
Sts. Cornelius, Pope,  
and  
Cyprian, Bishop,  
Martyrs  
1 Tm 1:15–17  
Lk 6:43–49

### Sunday

September 17  
Twenty-Fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Sir 27:30–28:7  
Rom 14:7–9  
Mt 18:21–35

# Dear Padre,

**I want my children to be merciful and forgiving like Jesus, but I don't want them to be permissive of sin because someone else thinks it's OK. How can I teach this balance?**

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches, "Education in the faith by parents should begin in the child's earliest years. This already happens when family members help one another to grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel" (CCC 2226). The balance of advocating the magnitude of God's mercy without diminishing the severity of sin is best taught through witness.

You should hold your children accountable (and vice versa) and explain with loving candor how lax attitudes and actions have consequences. As we are taught in Proverbs 27:5, "Better is an open rebuke than a love that remains hidden."

An intimate relationship with God also helps. It's easier to instill greater compassion in ourselves and in others when we've experienced God's infinite mercy firsthand. Jesus asked the woman caught in adultery, "Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, [and] from now on do not sin any more" (John 8:10–11).

Christ loves the sinner and despises the sin—but he doesn't dwell on the sin. Instead, Jesus rejoices when sinners enter a newfound relationship with his merciful Father, knowing that the experience of God's mercy is the catalyst for ultimate change and lasting conversion, where neither the sinner is condemned nor the sin condoned.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR | [Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)



FENELIS



## A Word From Pope Francis

*"If you are not capable of performing fraternal reproof with love, with charity, in truth and with humility, you will offend, damage that person's heart: you will create an extra tale that wounds and you will become a blind hypocrite, as Jesus says...a sign which perhaps can help us: when one sees something wrong and feels that he should correct it but perceives a certain pleasure in doing so, then it is time*

*to pay attention, because that is not the Lord's way. In the Lord there is always the cross, the difficulty of doing something good."*

—Morning meditation, "Mending holes in the fabric of the church," September 12, 2014

September 10, 2017

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Ez 33:7–9

Rom 13:8–10

Mt 18:15–20

## Correcting Lovingly

Today's readings are about fraternal correction. We are responsible for our brother's good, and God expects us to help him. This means being a good example and holding him or her to a gospel standard. If that means a hard dose of the truth, so be it, as long as that truth is given in love.

Ezekiel was a prophet who knew how to preach fire and brimstone, but he could also be tender and compassionate. He prophesied both about the destruction of Israel and how Yahweh would turn their hearts of stone into flesh. In Michelangelo's fresco on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, the strength of this rugged prophet is evident. That Ezekiel is turned to listen to a cherub says a lot about his humility as well.

God told Ezekiel that if he didn't preach to the wicked, God would hold him responsible for their deaths. However, if he did preach and the wicked still didn't heed him, Ezekiel would be safe. The moral is, when God asks us to preach, take it seriously!

Jesus tells us if our brother sins against us, we should confront him in the presence of two witnesses. He even encourages us to bring the Church in as judge if a dispute between believers isn't resolved. However, this should always be done with love.

As humble Christians, we should accept corrections when they are done correctly. No one likes to be told he or she is wrong, but if we are we should rejoice in the truth, even if it hurts. And we should thank those who love us enough to correct us.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *The Prophet Ezekiel*, 1510  
Artist: Michelangelo  
Location: Sistine Chapel

## For Reflection

*Do I find the idea of charitable correction uncomfortable? Why or why not?*

*How willing am I to receive correction from my peers? My spouse? My child? My boss?*

*"The commandments...are summed up in this saying, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'" (Romans 13:9).*