

Church of the Holy Angels

December 17, 2017, Third Sunday of Advent

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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,

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 16	
8:00am	Sister Ann Molesevich
5:30pm	Deceased of the Gratti Family
Sunday, December 17	
8:30am	Helena Kaszytski
10:30am	People of the Parish
Monday, December 18	
8:00am	John Sylko
Tuesday, December 19	
8:00am	Lawrence Morata
Wednesday, December 20	
7:00am	Joseph Krovitski
Thursday, December 21	
6:30pm	Kathleen York
Friday, December 22	
8:00am	Jennie Dallazia
Saturday, December 23	
8:00am	Rev. Paul Theisz
5:30pm	Joseph P. Foris
Sunday, December 24	
8:30am	Rev. Walter Sempko
10:30am	People of the Parish

Sacrificial Offering

Weekend of December 10, 2017	
Sunday Offering Envelopes	\$5,037.00
Youth Offering	\$55.00
Loose	\$67.00
Energy	\$48.00
Immaculate Conception	\$1,098.00
Immaculate Conception (loose)	100.00
Thanksgiving	\$22.00
Amount Budgeted	\$8,333.00
Amount Contributed	\$6,427.00
Weekend of December 10	-\$1,906.00
Votive Candles	\$51.00
Air Conditioning maintenance	\$270.00
Improvement Fund	
Previous Balance	\$11,203.00
Weekend of December 10	+216.00
Balance	\$11,419.00
Diocesan Collections	
Religious Retirement	\$353.00
A Dime at a Time	
Current Debt	\$128,802.10
Dime at a Time	\$46.73
Plus 1 (+1) Contributions	\$49.00
Debt Reduction	\$18.00

Advent Soup & Sermon Services
 Advent Ecumenical Prayer Service will be held on
 Wednesday, December 20 at Holy Angels
 The Soup & Sermon begins at 6PM at both
 locations. Please join with your Christian brothers
 and sisters as we prepare for the coming of our
 Lord!



Holiday Mass Schedule

Masses to fulfill Sunday Obligation
 Saturday, December 23-5:30PM
 Sunday, December 24- 8:30 & 10:30AM

Masses to fulfill Christmas Obligation
 Sunday, December 24
 4:00PM, 6:00PM, 9:30PM

Monday, December 25
 9:30AM



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, December 19, 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

December 17 thru December 23

Sanctuary Light: Special intention...

St. Anthony: In Thanksgiving

St. Anne: In loving memory of

Dolores Furca by Children

St. Casimir: In loving memory of

Elaine Duran by husband, Michael

St. Theresa: Special intention...

St. Kateri: Special intention...

St. Marziale: Special intention...

Sacred Heart: In loving memory of

Helen Cupsta by son, Robert



PREP

PREP Classes will be held Sunday, December 17 at 8:30AM for students in Grades 6, 7 & 8. PREP Classes will be held on Monday, December 18 at 5:30PM for students in Grades 1 thru 5.

Parish Council & Finance Council

On Friday, December 15, at 7:00PM, there will be a special meeting of the Finance and Parish Councils

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 7:15PM

Finance Council Meeting

Thursday, January 11, 2017 at 7:15PM

Adult Choir

Practice will be held on Wednesday, December 20, at 7:00PM for adult choir.

Choir will be singing at the 9:30PM Mass on Christmas Eve. Please be in choir loft by 9:00PM.

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, December 23

5:30PM Rosalie Mitchell, Liam Bradley, Sean Bradley, Kaden Hine

Sunday, December 24

**8:30AM Sarah Cooper, Hannah Nolter
Jessica Whalen, Donald Whalen**

10:30AM Emma Shimko, Noah Shimko, Daniel Vincenzes, Grace Vincenzes

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve

**4:00PM Gregory Troutman, Michael Wasilewski,
Bobby Schoppy, Brooke Schoppy**

**6:00PM Philip Kenenitz-Hutnick, Zachary Smith,
Jeremiah Sheganoski, Jacob Zarski**

**9:30PM Sarah Cooper, Hannah Nolter
Jessica Whalen, Donald Whalen**

Monday, December 25, Christmas Day

9:30AM Angel Barwicki, Emily Olszewski, Bailey Little

Boy Scout Troop #247 - Christmas Tree Sale

(Located at Vought's Equipment Rental, Elysburg every Saturday and Sunday until Christmas.)

Beautiful 5 to 8 foot Douglas Firs, \$30 - All trees are fresh cut, drilled for peg stand, can be bailed and tree stands for sale as well. Hours are: Black Friday and Saturdays, 9AM to 6PM, Sundays, 12Noon to 6PM. Free curbside delivery available!

Masses

Vigil Lights/Standing Altar Candles

At this time, we are taking Mass Intentions for December of 2017 and the year 2018. Please limit your requests to 2 Masses per family until everyone has a chance to request Masses. Donation is \$10/Mass.

Vigil lights are available at this time for the calendar year 2018. Donation is \$5.00 for the week for the Vigil Lights, and \$10 for the month for Standing Altar Candles. Please call or stop in the parish office to reserve your specific dates on Masses and candles.

Coat Collection

Last year we collected an unbelievable number of new and used coats from you our Holy Angels Family. Because of your generosity we were able to give coats to the needy children and adults in our community and still have many coats left for this year. If you know of someone in need of a winter coat, please direct them to Father Andrew. This year because of a grant we are able to purchase new coats for the needy children. If anyone has a new coat or wishes to purchase a new coat, we will still accept them and make sure they are put to good use. As always Holy Angels parishioners are the best and we thank you for your giving spirit! Holy Angels Ladies Organization.

Christmas Wafers (Oplatki)

Christmas wafers (oplatki) are available in the back of the church. Donation is \$3.00. Each envelope contains 6 wafers.

ART CONTEST!

The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (HDCCW) invites girls in grades 9 - 12 in the Diocese of Harrisburg to enter an art contest. The task: design the cover for the 93rd Annual HDCCW Convention on April 16, 2018. The art work should be an original drawing or painting for a 9 x 12 folder and based on the Convention theme "Caring For God's Creation". The grand prize is \$150, second prize is \$75 and third prize is \$50. The deadline to enter is January 15, 2018. For complete details and Contest Guidelines please refer to the HDCCW website <http://hdccw.webs.com>. You may also contact HDCCW at 717-860-0700 or email hdccw1@gmail.com with questions.

Manna Bags

We will be giving baskets with hams to the needy of the area for Christmas. Bags are still available in the vestibule for your use to fill and return to the church. If you are aware of any family in need of a food basket for Christmas please contact Father Andrew. Baskets can be picked up on Tuesday, December 19 from 1:00-3:00PM in the Church Hall.

Retrouvaille

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille provides marriage help! The next Retrouvaille weekend is scheduled for January 12-14, 2018. For more information and to register, please visit retrouvaille.org or email retrouvaillehbg@gmail.com

Encounter: A Retreat Experience Especially Designed for College Aged Young Adults and Recent Graduates will be held Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 9:30 am until 4:00 pm at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 310 Hertzler Road, Mechanicsburg. Easter is a perfect time to get away to refresh and renew ourselves while growing in relationship with our Lord and with other Young Adults. For more information contact your Catholic Campus Ministry/Newman Club or the Diocesan Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry at: oyyam@hbgdiocese.org or call 717-657-4804 ext. 327. WWW.HBGDIOCESE.ORG/youngchurch

SAVE THE DATE

Diocese of Harrisburg-Men's Conference

March 10, 2018

Doors open at 7:15 am

Conference begins at 8:30 am

Bishop McDevitt High School

1 Crusader Way, Harrisburg, PA

"Men of Mary, Mercy and The Eucharist"

Conference includes: Keynote, Mass, 25 + Workshops, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, plus Fellowship with up to 1000 Men

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Principal Celebrant and Homilist, The Most Reverend Ronald W.

Gainer, DD, JCL, Bishop of Harrisburg

Keynote Speaker -Father Chris Alar, MIC

**Director of the Association for Marian Helpers
Nationally Known Catholic Speaker and Divine**

Mercy Expert

HALO Meeting

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January, 11 @6:00. We will be having an ugly sweater party. Dress in your "ugliest" sweater, or shirt. Prizes will be given to the "ugliest" sweater/shirt voted on by members. "Ugly" snacks will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Dear Members of Holy Angels,

Thank you for supporting Kathleen and her family during this difficult time. Your thoughtfulness meant much more than words can ever say.

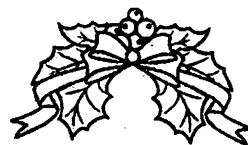
The Bach & Komara Families

Respect Life Mass

The Respect Life Mass will take place on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at Good Shepherd Church, 3435 Trindle Road in Camp Hill. This Mass is celebrated every year to commemorate the lives lost to abortion since 1973 and to pray for the building of a culture of life in our nation from conception to natural death. Those who are not able to attend the annual March for Life in Washington are especially encouraged to attend. Mass begins at 11:30 a.m. Reverend Paul Schenck will be the celebrant and homilist. All are welcome! For additional information contact the Respect Life Ministry at (717) 657-4804 ext 317 or email KNeri@hbgdiocese.org.

A Pilgrimage for Young Adults

Join Pope Francis and young adult Catholics from around the world for an experience of the Universal Church. Post high school young adults (ages 18-35) will gather January 21-28, 2019 for World Youth Day 2019 in Panama. This promises to be a week of engaging prayer, vibrant liturgy, powerful catechesis provided by Cardinals and Bishops, concerts by Catholic artists, and an unforgettable vigil and Mass with the Holy Father. For information visit www.hbgdiocese.org/youngchurch or contact Rob Williams at 717-657-4804.



Are you OK? There is an old story of a father who, on a dark, stormy night in the midst of the thunder's crash and the lightning's flash, awakened and thought of his small son alone in his bedroom upstairs who might be scared of it all. So he rushed upstairs with his flashlight to check on the boy to see if he was all right. He was flashing the light around the room when the boy awakened, and said, with a startled cry, "Who's there? Who's in my room?" The father's first thought was to flash his light in the face of the boy, but then he thought, "No. If I do that, I will frighten him all the more." So, he turned the light on his own face. And the little boy said, "Oh, it's you, Dad." The father said, "Yes, it's Dad. I'm just up here checking on things. Everything's O.K., so go on back to sleep." And the little boy did. That is what the Incarnation is all about: God's shining the light in His own face so that you and I might know that everything really is O.K.

Calendar

Monday

December 18
Advent Weekday
Jer 23:5-8
Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday

December 19
Advent Weekday
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a
Luke 1:5-25

Wednesday

December 20
Advent Weekday
Is 7:10-14
Lk 1:26-38

Thursday

December 21
Advent Weekday
Sg 2:8-14
Lk 1:39-45

Friday

December 22
Advent Weekday
1 Sm 1:24-28
1 Lk 1:46-56

Saturday

December 23
Advent Weekday
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24
Lk 1:57-66

Sunday

December 24
Fourth Sunday of Advent
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12,
14a, 16
Rom 16:25-27
Lk 1:26-38

Dear Padre,

Once again I feel overwhelmed by the commercial hype of Christmas. Any suggestions for keeping a Christ-centered Christmas amid the shopping and gift expectations?

It's our Advent task to make Christ, Emmanuel, present in our lives. We do this by centering on the love and peace that is within us and offering that to others. By staying centered and at peace, we'll find the Christ Child even in the midst of the mania!

- **Take time to pray.** In Advent, church decorations accent the sense of longing during this season. Make it a part of your schedule to stop in daily for quiet time and prayer.
- **Spend less money.** Buy fewer gifts, ones that you really enjoy buying. Let your family know that you intend to spend less money and want to enjoy your purchasing experience. Ask them to help you select gifts that have meaning.
- **Be inspiring.** Give gifts that focus more on Christ and Christmas. They could be inspirational books, a Christian music CD, or tickets to a Christmas play or concert.
- **Start a tradition.** Make it a point to find a new Christmas tradition from a different culture and adopt that tradition for this season.
- **Volunteer.** Give someone a gift of unexpected kindness, compassion, and unconditional love. Visit the sick, help in a soup kitchen, buy and wrap presents that will be given to the poor.

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A Word From Pope Francis

To celebrate Christmas in a fruitful manner, we are called to pause in "places" of astonishment....The first place is the other, in whom we recognize a brother or sister, because since the birth of Jesus occurred, every face is marked with a semblance to the Son of God. Above all when it is the face of the poor, because God entered the world poor, and it was to the poor, in the first place, that he allowed himself to draw near.

—Angelus, December 20, 2015

Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent (B)

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11

1 Thes 5:16-24

Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

John's Joyful Preaching

Why go into the desert and cry out? The voice in the desert is lonesome, heard only by those who go there to listen. Let's leave our routines, go into the spiritual deserts of our hearts, and listen today.

The words of preparation John preaches are joyful. Why? First, to be told you are on the wrong path is good news. Have you ever followed your GPS to the wrong place because of an address typo? "It would have been nice to know this before I traveled across town to the wrong place," you thought.

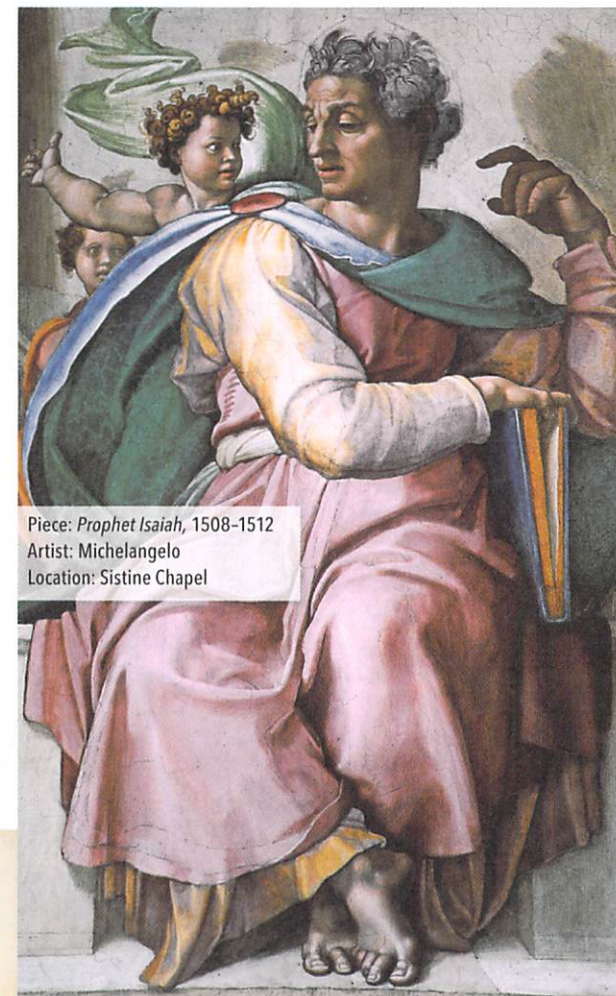
Second, it is joyful to be told what makes your beloved happy, because you then know what will please him or her.

Good news! John's preaching points us to our destination in Jesus and to what makes him happy. The rose vestments worn by our priests today symbolize that joy. Notice in the painting of Isaiah, he is wearing that color, too.

Another interesting detail is that Isaiah is holding his finger in the book while looking back at a young cherub, who in turn points to his neighbor. Isaiah's finger is in the Gospels, where he is the most quoted prophet of the Old Testament. Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah, and John the Baptist quotes Isaiah's prophesy about "the voice crying out in the desert."

Perhaps the cherub behind Isaiah is John the Baptist. And perhaps the barely visible baby to whom the little John the Baptist is pointing represents Christ, the reason for our joy.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *Prophet Isaiah*, 1508-1512
Artist: Michelangelo
Location: Sistine Chapel

For Reflection

What makes you joyful? Would those same things make Jesus joyful, too? Do I point people toward the true source of joy with my words and example?

I will rejoice heartily in the LORD, my being exults in my God.

(Isaiah 61:10)