

Church of the Holy Angels

JANUARY 3, 2016, THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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MASSSES 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

Joseph Litchko, Church Care-taker

Elaine Lutz, Office Volunteer

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 2

8:00am Rev. Msgr. Joseph J.C. Petrovits

5:30pm Mary Buchkowskie

Sunday, January 3

8:30am People of the Parish

10:30am Franklin Koteles

Monday, January 4

6:30pm Mary Katherine Sinopoli

Tuesday, January 5

8:00am Violet Feudale

Wednesday, January 6

7:00am Carolyn Dworak

Thursday, January 7

6:30pm Catherine DePaulis

Friday, January 8

8:00am Theresa Novakoski

Saturday, January 9

8:00am Linda Savitski

5:30pm Deceased of the Zlockie & Karpinskie Families

Sunday, January 10

8:30am Josephine Misiewicz

10:30am People of the Parish

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Elizabeth Zigarski, a member of Holy Angels Parish Family. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

A Dime at a Time

Current Debt (adjusted)	\$199,708.00
Dime at a Time	\$79.27
Plus 1 (+1) Contributions	\$64.00
Balance	\$199,564.73

Sacrificial Offering

Weekend of December 27, 2015

Sunday Offering Envelopes	\$4,260.00
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Youth Offering	\$53.00
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Loose Cash (December 25 & 27)	\$1,032.00
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Energy	\$52.00
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Immaculate Conception	\$105.00
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Thanksgiving	\$55.00
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Amount Budgeted	\$8,333.00
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Amount Contributed	\$5,557.00
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Weekend of December 27	-\$2,776.00
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Christmas Flowers	\$59.00
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Air conditioning (Dec. 25 & 27)	\$1,410.00
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Votive Candles	\$152.00
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Improvement Fund

Previous Balance	\$8,421.00
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Weekend of December 27	+\$84.00
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Current Balance	\$8,505.00
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Christmas Adults	\$16,741.00
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Christmas Youth	\$456.00
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Total Christmas to date	\$17,197.00
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Diocesan Collections

Religious Retirement	\$44.00
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Matthew 25	\$8.00
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Vigil Lights

January 3 thru January 9

Sanctuary Light: In loving memory of

Eleanor Hrapowicki by Children & Grandchildren

St. Anthony Vigil Light: In loving memory of

Jenny Fodor by Sandy

St. Anne: Special intention of

Annette Pennypacker by Millie & Phil Scicchitano

St. Casimir: In loving memory of

Elaine Duran by husband, Michael & Family

St. Theresa: In loving memory of

Robert D. Hunter by Lou & Jean Cherneskie

St. Kateri: In thanksgiving

Gwen Van Houte by Rose & Janice Witrosky

St. Marziale: In loving memory of

Ava Ilgen by Mary Ann & Preston

Sacred Heart: Special intention of

Gloria Pupo

BINGO

Bingo will be held Tuesday, January 5, 2016.
Doors open 4:30PM. Game begins 6:00PM.

Bingo 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!

Baptism Classes

Expectant parents are required to attend one Pre-Baptismal Class prior to the Baptism (preferably before the birth of their child.) Classes will be held on the second Sunday of each month at 11:45AM. Pre-register by contacting the office at 373-1221 at least 2 weeks prior to scheduled class.

Presentation of the Gifts

If a Mass is being offered for your loved one, and family members would like to present the gifts at that Mass, we ask that you please call the rectory ahead of time to let us know of your intentions. 373-1221.

The Greatest Prayer-The Mass

Please remember that the greatest prayer that our Lord has given to us is the Mass. When a loved one departs from his or her earthly home and begins a new life with our Lord, let us consider celebrating this new life with a Mass of Christian Burial.

Holy Angels Parish Pool Winner

Pool winner for December 22 & 29 will be announced in future bulletin.

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

PREP

Holy Angels Parish Religious Education Classes will be held on the following dates:

January 3, 10, 24, 31 for Grades 6,7,8

January 4, 11, 25 for Grades 1 - 5

Adult Choir

Practice will be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 7:00PM for Adult Choir.

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 7:15PM

Finance Council Meeting

Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 7:15PM

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, January 9

5:30PM Zachary Zvoncheck, Bryson Zvoncheck, Austin Cole, Philip Kenenitz-Hutnick

Sunday, January 10

8:30AM Bailey Little, Tanner Greco
10:30AM Skylynn Janoka, Nicole Komara, Mary Frances Komara

Diocesan Pro-Life Mass and Rosary Procession -

The Pro-Life Mass will take place on Sunday January 17, 2016 at Saint Patrick Church, 219 South Beaver Street, York, PA 17401. Mass begins at 10:45 AM. Bishop Ronald W. Gainer will be the celebrant and homilist. Following Mass, there will be a rosary procession from the church to Planned Parenthood. All are welcome

Bingo Help Needed

We are in need of bingo callers and kitchen help! Any man or woman who is interested in helping us out at our Tuesday evening Bingo is asked to please contact Father Andrew at 570-373-1221.

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 91st Annual HDCCW Convention on April 11, 2016. The art work should be an original drawing or painting for a 9 x 12 folder and based on the Convention theme "Sowers of Hope: Opening Our Hearts". The grand prize is \$150, second prize is \$75 and third prize is \$50. The deadline to enter is January 15, 2016. For complete details and Contest Guidelines please refer to the HDCCW website <http://hdccw.webs.com/>. Contact HDCCW at 717-860-0700 or hdccw1@gmail.com with questions."

Prayer Shawl Retreat

We warmly invite women from around the Diocese to join us as we gather at the Diocesan Center for our third Prayer Shawl Retreat on Saturday, January 16, 2016 from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM. The program, hosted by the Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Organization Commission, will include Mass, prayer, knitting / crocheting, fellowship and lunch. You are welcome to attend even if you are a beginner and would like to be part of this time of fellowship and sharing. While the program is free, advance registration is required so that we can arrange a comfortable work area and plan for lunch. Please call Kathy Kokoski at 717-448-8899 or Deb Black at 717-514-8815 or email them at kakoko120@comcast.net or mvd01@verizon.net. Please register early as space is limited. Deadline is Wednesday, January 6, 2016.

2016 DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

The 3rd annual Diocesan Men's Conference is only a few months away. Please join many hundreds of men as they gather on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at Bishop McDevitt High School for uplifting workshops, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, Vendors, and more. 2016 has been designated as the *Year of Mercy*, and our Keynote Speaker, Tom Peterson, President & Founder of *Catholics Come Home*, promises to deliver a message that will reinforce this theme. Bishop Gainer will once again be the Principal Mass Celebrant. This conference will deepen your Catholic faith in fellowship with over 800 men, and prove to be our best one ever! Registration information will be available soon. God Bless You!

Living Your Faith

The manner in which we receive the sacred host, the Eucharist, is very important. The hands are to be placed one over the other with a curve upward of the fingers on both hands forming a throne. This gesture of a throne states that you are accepting and not just receiving the host but that this is the Bread come down from heaven, and that Jesus Christ is King of your life. Please use this gesture as a sign of respect and understanding of what you are given.

The reception on the tongue also needs to be clear by opening your mouth and extending slightly your tongue so the priest or extraordinary minister can easily place the sacred host on your tongue. In each case the AMEN is clearly expressed.

Lottery Calendars

Lottery Calendars are available after the weekend Masses during the month of January in the vestibule. Calendars may also be purchased at the parish office during office hours. Donation \$5.00. Please support this fund-raiser!

Winter/Spring Adult Faith Formation Opportunities-

The Diocesan Institute schedule of Winter/Spring adult education offerings is now available. Visit <http://www.hbgdiocese.org/institute> and click on the Diocesan Institute icon on the homepage to access the schedule and registration information. Several offerings are also available via webinar, allowing you to participate from home. Contact Ryan Bolster at rbolster@hbgdiocese.org or (717) 657-4804, ext. 225 for information

Potato Cake Batter Sale

Holy Angels Holy Name Society will be taking orders for Potato Cake Batter. The batter will be sold by the quart at a cost of \$5.00 per quart. Order forms are available in the back of the church. Orders are due with payment by January 29, 2016. Those who are ordering may pick up the batter on Saturday, February 6, 2016 from 12:00-1:30PM in the Activity Center.

House Blessing & Request for Contribution Records

Forms are below for those who would like their house blessed and also for the request of your contribution record. Please separate forms and return thru the Sunday collection. A self addressed stamped envelope must accompany the request for contribution record.

When pilots Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager made their historic flight in 1986 with their spindly Voyager aircraft, the whole world followed it with excitement. For nine days a sky-watch was kept tracking their first non-stop global flight without refueling. Achievers and risk-takers like Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager have always fascinated us. Marco Polo journeying to India and China, Christopher Columbus coming to America, Admiral Byrd going to the South Pole, our astronauts flying to the moon: such adventurers have always aroused our admiration and our skepticism. - It was no different at the time of the Magi in today's Gospel story. To the cynical observer the Magi must have seemed foolish to go following a star. These astrologers had to be a little crazy leaving the security of their homeland to venture forth into a strange country presided over by a madman like Herod. Nevertheless, to the person with the eyes of Faith, the Magi had discovered an immense secret. They found not only the secret of the star but the secret of the whole universe -the secret of God's incredible love for his people. For the child they found was no ordinary child but the very Son of God become man.

The triple reactions: The Epiphany can be looked on as a symbol for our pilgrimage through life to Christ. The feast invites us to see ourselves as images of the Magi, a people on a journey to Christ. Today's Gospel also tells us the story of the Magi's encounter with the evil King Herod. This encounter symbolizes three reactions to Jesus' birth: hatred, indifference, and adoration. A group of people headed by Herod planned to destroy Jesus. Another group, composed of priests and scribes, ignored Jesus. The members of a third group -- shepherds and the magi -- adored Jesus and offered themselves to Him.

BLESSING OF HOME

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

Was your house blessed last year? (Circle one) YES NO
(those who did not have their home blessed last year will be prioritized this year.)
What is the best time to contact you? (Circle one) Before 5PM After 5PM

REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTION RECORD

NAME _____

PLEASE INCLUDE A SELF- ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE WITH REQUEST

January 3, 2016

Dear Padre



Atheism vs. agnosticism

Q What is the difference between atheism and agnosticism?

The **Catechism** of the Catholic Church defines **atheism** as the rejection or denial of the existence of God and warns against numerous phenomena that can be categorized as atheistic, such as materialism and humanism and some movements that champion economic or social liberation (CCC 2123–2125).

Agnosticism, somewhat conversely, makes no judgment about God's existence—instead, it says it's impossible to prove or deny. The *Catechism* identifies this viewpoint as expressing "indifferentism...and a sluggish moral conscience" (CCC 2128). Both viewpoints are sins against the First Commandment.

Some people believe that religious thought and practice no longer meets the needs of contemporary humanity. On the other side stand faith communities

who fear modern culture and life will erode or eradicate the basics of faith and morality. Both stances are extreme and inaccurate, and striving for mutual respect and reverence seems more valid.

Vatican II's *Gaudium et Spes* (19) says, "those who willfully shut out God from their hearts and try to dodge religious questions are not following the dictates of their consciences, and hence are not free of blame; yet believers themselves frequently bear some responsibility... To the extent that they neglect their own training in the faith, or teach erroneous doctrine, or are deficient in their religious, moral or social life, they must be said to conceal rather than reveal the authentic face of God and religion."

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Join your children in adding regular prayer moments to your family's days together. Gather over breakfast or on the way to school for a brief morning offering. Bless your meals and end your busy days with quiet bedtime prayers that recall the day and seek God's protection through the night.

—From *Family, the Church, and the Real World*, a Redemptorist Pastoral Publication

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Monday
JANUARY 4
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,
Religious
1 Jn 3:22—4:6
Mt 4:12–17, 23–25

Tuesday
JANUARY 5
St. John Neumann,
Bishop
1 Jn 4:7–10
Mk 6:34–44

Wednesday
JANUARY 6
Christmas
Weekday
1 Jn 4:11–18
Mk 6:45–52

Thursday
JANUARY 7
Christmas
Weekday
1 Jn 4:19—5:4
Lk 4:14–22

Friday
JANUARY 8
Christmas
Weekday
1 Jn 5:5–13
Lk 5:12–16

Saturday
JANUARY 9
Christmas
Weekday
1 Jn 5:14–21
Jn 3:22–30

Sunday
JANUARY 10
Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1–4, 6–7
or Is 40:1–5, 9–11
Acts 10:34–38
or Ti 2:11–14; 3:4–7
Lk 3:15–16, 21–22

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Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2016
Is 60:1–6 ♦ Eph 3:2–3, 5–6 ♦ Mt 2:1–12

Several years ago, our family's longtime neighbor died. She had no children. My mom had helped her in her later years, so we weren't surprised when she received some money from the estate. What was shocking was that a check arrived at my house as well. I hadn't done anything to deserve this money; I had always been polite and kind to our neighbor and had visited her sometimes, but I was amazed at her generosity. Without knowing it, I had become an heir to this lovely woman.

On this Solemnity of the Epiphany, we celebrate our own unexpected inheritance—the quite undeserved gift of Jesus. Saint Paul writes that the Gentiles are "co-heirs" to this great gift, but what have we done to deserve such grace? Our culture tells us how much we "deserve" (clothes and so on).

But in the simplest of places—the tiniest of towns, this little hamlet of Bethlehem—comes a gift we could never do enough to deserve. The Magi recognized this—they prostrated themselves in homage and were changed by their encounter with Jesus. They "went home a different way"—not just physically but spiritually.

As the Christmas season winds down and the long-awaited gifts are unwrapped and put away, maybe we can look at the gift of Jesus with Epiphany eyes. May we welcome Jesus today like an unexpected inheritance check—with delighted hearts, humble spirits, and grateful souls.

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A Word From Pope Francis
"Find the courage to be liberated from our illusions, our presumptions, our 'rights,' and to seek this courage in the humility of faith and in this way to encounter the Light, Lumen, like the holy wise men."

Homily on Epiphany of the Lord, January 6, 2015



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