

Church of the Holy Angels

February 26, 2017, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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
 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

Saturday, February 25

8:00am William Ennis, Jr.
 5:30pm Nancy Markovich

Sunday, February 26

8:30am People of the Parish
 10:30am Nicholas Kolar

Monday, February 27

6:30pm Robert Russin

Tuesday, February 28

8:00am Albert Markovich

Ash Wednesday, March 1

8:00am Mary Pogash
 7:00pm Stanley Zlocki, Jr. & Stanley Zlocki, Sr.

Thursday, March 2

6:30pm Marvin & Jane Ward

Friday, March 3

8:00am Charles Bolesta

Saturday, March 4

8:00am Elizabeth Bierowski
 5:30pm Carrie Mirarchi

Sunday, March 5

8:30am Theresa Kruleski
 10:30am People of the Parish

Sacrificial Offering

Weekend of February 19, 2017

Sunday Offering Envelopes	\$4,771.00
Youth Offering	\$53.00
Loose	\$117.00
Initial Offering	\$5.00
Mary, Mother of God	\$5.00

Amount Budgeted	\$8,333.00
Amount Contributed	\$4,951.00
Weekend of February 19	-\$3,382.00

Votive Candles	\$284.00
Air Conditioning Maintenance	\$310.00

Improvement Fund	
Previous Balance	\$11,962.00
Weekend of February 19	+199.00
Current Balance	\$12,161.00

Christmas	
Additional Christmas	\$20.00
Total Christmas to date	\$16,059.00

Diocesan Collections	
Propagation of the Faith	\$80.00

A Dime at a Time	
Current Debt	\$148,383.61
Dime at a Time	\$65.24
Plus 1 (+1) Contributions	\$72.00
Debt Reduction	\$13.00
Balance	\$148,233.37



Stations of the Cross

Holy Angels Parish Family prays the Stations of the Cross during Lent on Fridays at 2:00PM and 7:00PM. As this season encourages "prayer" attending and praying the Stations of the Cross is a wonderful way to meditate on the crucifixion of our Lord.

Lenten Fish Dinners

Fridays during Lent beginning March 3

4:00-6:00PM in the Activity Center

Dinner includes Soup and Salad Bar, Baked Fish, Potato, Vegetable, Bread, Dessert, Beverage and more!

Donation \$9.00/adult,
\$5.00/children 12 and under
Eat-in or Take-out.

Lenten Fish Dinner Donations

Any organization or individual who may be interested in donating the cost of the fish for a Fish Dinner is asked to contact Father Andrew. Also, cakes, pies or desserts are always appreciated for the Fish Dinners.

Mahoney Brothers

The world's greatest musical impersonation show- The Mahoney Brothers, will honor our local First Responders with their fabulous 50's, 60's and 70's show. They will perform some of their new impersonations- Roy Orbison, Billy Joel, Jimmy Buffet, The Eagles, along with their many other impersonations on Saturday, March 25th at the Mount Carmel Area High School Auditorium at 7:00PM. Tickets are on sale at Academy Sports, Mount Carmel, The Subway at Walmart and at the door on March 25th. Tickets are only \$20 and your donation will help many local organizations, such as youth sports programs, handicap programs and needy local organizations. For more information call Joe Cesari at 570-373-3561.

Men of the Diocese of Harrisburg – Please save the date of April 1, 2017 for the Diocesan Men's Conference at Bishop McDevitt High School, Harrisburg. Theme is: Fools for Christ: Men Called to Glorify God through His Catholic Church.

Keynote Speaker is world-renowned Catholic author and speaker, Dr. Peter Kreeft from Boston. His keynote is *Seven Reasons Why Everyone Should be Catholic*. Bishop Ronald W. Gainer is Principal Celebrant and Homilist for Mass and will also be presenting two workshops on St. Thomas More as a Model for Conscience Formation. There are thirty+ workshop choices over three sessions, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Rosary and Benediction, more than 20 Priests available for Confession, plus good music, food, and fellowship. Last year we had 925 men who attended this event. This year we are hoping for 1,000 men. Registration materials are coming soon to your parish. Please join us, and invite a friend or three to come with you!

Encounter: A Retreat Experience Especially Designed for College Aged Young Adults and Recent Graduates

This retreat will be held Saturday, March 25 from 9:30 am until 4:00 pm at the Cardinal Keeler Center, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg. Lent 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

Lenten Guidelines

1. The traditional Lenten practices of piety, fasting, almsgiving, and other forms of self-denial are still most warmly recommended by the Church.

2. The faithful observance of Lent should manifest itself especially in the imitation of Christ in daily life and in the readiness to sacrifice time and talents whenever possible, in personal, parish, and community efforts for those in spiritual or material need. The spiritual hunger of the unchurched locally and in mission lands can be a focus of prayers and charitable giving.

3. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat for those 14 years of age and older. They are also days of fasting for those between 18 and 59 years of age. (Those bound by the law of fasting, may take one full meal. Two smaller meals are also permitted, sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs. Eating between meals is not permitted; but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. When health or ability to work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)

4. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence for those 14 years of age and older.

5. Fridays of the year outside Lent remain days of penance. The traditional abstinence from meat is highly recommended, together with fasting, by the Bishops of the United States, for the cause of peace in the world. However, some other practice of voluntary self-denial or personal penance may be substituted.

World Youth Day Celebration on Palm Sunday, New Venue and Format- All High School aged teenagers are invited to the annual World Youth Day Celebration on Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017 at Good Shepherd Parish, Camp Hill, from 2:30pm until 7:30pm. This day includes Praise and Worship Music, Holy Mass with Bishop Gainer, Food Trucks and Fellowship and Eucharistic Holy Hour. Don't miss this opportunity to praise, worship, and be transformed by our loving God! If interested, please speak to Father Andrew. **Flyers are available in the back of the Church.**

Guardian Angels Outreach Meals

Meals are served at Holy Angels Outreach (formerly Ann Joachim House) each Wednesday of the month from 4:30-6:00PM. Anyone in need of having a meal delivered (elderly, disabled, needy) is asked to contact the parish office at 570-373-1221. For those able to come to the Outreach Center, please know that you are most welcome! Children should be accompanied by an adult.

Dealing with Diabetes?

The Journey Starts Here

Every person with diabetes should attend these free sessions taught by certified diabetes educators.

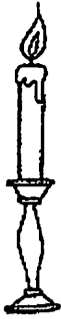
- Learn effective ways to manage your diabetes in a fun, interactive group session.
- Understand the link between healthy eating and blood sugar.
- Discover the importance of timing your meals appropriately.
- Learn to recognize and correct high and low blood sugar levels and much more.

Call 1-877-532-4545 to enroll, space is limited.

Place: St. Pauline Center, Kulpmont

Date: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 10:00AM.

Sponsored by Merck & Co, Inc. This program is supported by the American Diabetes Association. Light refreshments will be served.



Standing Altar Candles for the Month of March

In Loving Memory of	Given by
Justin Greco, Ralph Mallozi, Alfredo Scicchitano	Annina
Teresina Mirarchi, Marietta Procopio Lijoi, and Deceased of the Mannello Family	Annina
Nancy Goodeluinas	husband, George
Deceased of the Gard & Barletta Families	Nick & Shirley Gard
Anna Witowski Griffiths	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Boyer
John Voloshin	wife, Anna Marie & Family
Rita M. Remaley	Joan & Bernie Bolick
Howard Scheithauer	Family



St. Cyril Spiritual Center

St. Cyril Spiritual Center, (580 Railroad ST) in Danville is proud to host a Lenten Retreat on Sat., Mar. 25th from 9AM – 1 PM presented by Sr. Melannie Svoboda, SND. Sister Melannie is the Author of 13 books and gives retreats nationally.

This retreat morning will explore four signs of a healthy, adult Christian spirituality; a sense of wonder, friendship, courage during adversity, and hope. Using scripture, stories, poetry, and videos, Sister will lead our day of input, prayer, quiet time, and sharing.

Call (570) 275-3581 to register & reserve your place, or online at www.sscm.org Click "Current Events".

Full payment is required by program deadline -Mar. 17th.

St. Cyril Spiritual Center will host Taize Prayer in the Basilica of Sts. Cyril & Methodius, in Danville, PA, from 7:00 – 8:00 PM Fri. Mar. 10, with Lu Ann O'Connell as Cantor. This quiet hour of Prayer will interweave scripture reading, song, and contemplative silence. All ages and faith traditions are welcome to participate. **FREE WILL OFFERING.**

Please Pre-register by Mar. 6th to ensure adequate materials. Call 570-275-3581.

Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School

Easter Eggs

Peanut Butter, Coconut Cream, Butter Cream
\$10.00 Dozen

Orders are due every Thursday

Pick-up every Sunday 1:00-3:00PM

(use back entrance to the cafeteria)

Call the Main Office to order 570-644-0375 ext 110

2001 Clinton Avenue, Coal Township

Our Lady of Hope's Crab Cake Dinner

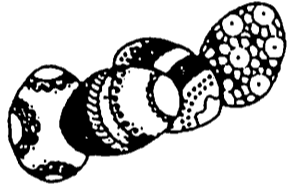
Friday, March 3, 2017 4:00-6:00PM

Parish Hall- Oak & Chestnut Streets

Coal Township Donation \$9.00/adult \$4.00/child

Dinner includes: Two Crab Cakes, Potatoes, Cole Slaw, dinner roll and dessert. Eat-in or Take-out.

Tickets are available at Our Lady of Hope Church Office or at the door the day of the dinner.



Today's readings give us an invitation to avoid unnecessary worries by putting our trust in the love and providence of a merciful God, and then living each day's life as it comes, doing His will and realizing His presence within us and others.

Jesus' arguments against unnecessary worries: Poor people worry that they have no money and rich people worry that they don't have enough money. Sick people worry about their premature death, and healthy people worry about getting sick. Some people worry about their past blunders, and others worry about their future. Everyone one, it seems, worries about something all the time. Only trust and faith in God can take us beyond the immediacy of worries and an inordinate focus on ourselves. The tragedy of most of our lives is that we worry so much about tomorrow that we never claim the resources God has for our living today. Hence, Jesus gives us some reasons why we should not worry.

Worry takes all the joy from life and wears out our mind and body. Doctors agree that emotional stress can bring actual changes in the organs, glands, and tissues of the body. It's not so much "what I'm eating" as "what's eating me" that's getting me down. Hence, Jesus exhorts us to do our daily tasks serenely and not to worry uselessly about what happened yesterday or what may happen tomorrow. Here, Jesus is not advocating a shiftless, reckless, thoughtless attitude to life. Rather, He is forbidding a care-worn, worried fear, which takes the joy out of life. But He wants us to make good use of our human resourcefulness and to plan our lives in a responsible manner. Jesus also teaches that we should strive *first* for the kingdom of God in our life, for God to rule our life, *and then* all these things shall be given us. Jesus is not teaching us to be careless, but to center our care in the right place— on the kingdom of God. What is important is to live well today, doing God's will, realizing His presence with us, within us and within every one we meet.