

# Church of the Holy Angels

March 5, 2017, First Sunday of Lent

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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, March 4**

**8:00am Elizabeth Bierowski**

**5:30pm Carrie Mirarchi**

**Sunday, March 5**

**8:30am Theresa Kruleski**

**10:30am People of the Parish**

**Monday, March 6**

**6:30pm Diane White**

**Tuesday, March 7**

**8:00am Julia Staniszewski**

**Wednesday, March 8**

**7:00am Agnes Bressi**

**Thursday, March 9**

**6:30pm Barbara Cort**

**Friday, March 10**

**8:00am Genevieve Zulick**

**Saturday, March 11**

**8:00am Ann Rosetta**

**5:30pm Joseph Cesari**

**Sunday, March 12**

**8:30am People of the Parish**

**10:30am Louise Nestico**

### Sacrificial Offering

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**Weekend of February 26, 2017**

**Sunday Offering Envelopes \$3,824.00**

**Youth Offering \$49.00**

**Loose \$138.00**

**Energy \$26.00**

**Amount Budgeted \$8,333.00**

**Amount Contributed \$4,037.00**

**Weekend of February 26 -\$4,296.00**

**Votive Candles \$156.00**

**Air Conditioning Maintenance \$313.00**

**Improvement Fund**

**Previous Balance \$12,161.00**

**Weekend of February 26 +86.00**

**Current Balance \$12,247.00**

**Christmas**

**Additional Christmas \$70.00**

**Total Christmas to date \$16,129.00**

**Diocesan Collections**

**Propagation of the Faith \$41.00**

**A Dime at a Time**

**Current Debt \$144,392.10**

**Dime at a Time \$52.85**

**Plus 1 (+1) Contributions \$40.00**

**Debt Reduction \$10.00**

**Balance \$144,289.25**

*Of Your Charity,* please pray for the repose of the souls of **Bernard Varano & Kathleen Dusendschine**, members of Holy Angels Parish Family. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.



## 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.*

## BINGO

Bingo will be held Tuesday, March 7, 2017. 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!

### 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

**March 5 thru March 11**

**Sanctuary Light:** *In loving memory of Anna V. Gonzales by son, Joseph*

**St. Anthony:** *Special intention of Fred Procopio by wife, Barbara Procopio & Family*

**St. Anne:** *In loving memory of Peter & Daniel Merena by Michael & Rosalie Ziegler and Family*

**St. Casimir:** *Special intention...*

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

**St. Kateri:** *In loving memory of Henry Sgro by Family*

**St. Marziale:** *In loving memory of Angelo D'Alexander by wife, Minnie*

**Sacred Heart:** *In loving memory of Marta Savitski by Rita Merena & Family*

*Holy Angels Pool Winner  
February 21, 2017  
BBJ \$65.00*

### Adult Choir

Choir practice will be held on Wednesday, March 8 at 7:00PM.

**Bernardine Franciscan Associates of Holy Angels**  
Bernardine Franciscan Associates of Holy Angels will meet on Sunday, March 26 at 2:30PM in the rectory.

## Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, March 11

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

Sunday, March 12

8:30AM Emma Shimko, Noah Shimko  
Daniel Vincenzes

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

## PREP Classes

**Sunday, March 12, 19, 26, 2017  
for Grades 6, 7, 8 at 9:00AM**

**Monday, March 6, 13, 20, 27, 2017  
for Grades 1-5 at 5:30PM**

## Stations of the Cross for Children

On Monday, March 13 at 6:20PM, all are invited to attend and pray the Stations of the Cross with our PREP students.

## First Penance

The Students of our First Communion Class will receive First Penance on Saturday, March 18 at 2:30pm. Please keep the children in your prayers on this special day.

## Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 7:15PM

There will not be a Parish Council meeting in April because of the Lenten Penance Services being held the first week of April.

If anyone has any questions or concerns about our parish, please contact Father Andrew or any member of the Parish Council. Members are: Jeanne Avellino, Pat Bingaman, Sherry Bozza, Maria Foris, Teresa McCabe, James Nolan, Juliann Wanzie, Kathy Pupo, Joseph Meyer, Jeff Kruleski, Alex Clayberger, Lena Leaveck

## Finance Council Meeting

Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 7:15PM

## Holy Angels Ladies Organization Chinese Auction

Holy Angels Ladies Organization is sponsoring a Chinese auction on Sunday, April 23, 2017. Doors will open at 12 noon and the auction begins at 2:00p.m. Admission is \$5.00 which includes one strip of 20 tickets and a door prize ticket with extra tickets available for purchase. A variety of food will be available for purchase also. If you can help us in any way with either a new gift or a monetary donation, please call either Ann at 570-373-5741 or Millie at 570-875-9799. A box is set up in the back of the church if you wish to drop off your donation. Together, as a parish this can be a huge success!

## Godspell

Presented by Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School  
Friday, March 10 & Saturday March 11 at 6:30PM.  
Northumberland County Council for the Arts at The  
Career Link 8<sup>th</sup> & Arch Streets, Shamokin  
Adults: \$8.00, Students: \$6.00

**Dispensation for the Feast of Saint Patrick** - This year the Feast of Saint Patrick falls on a Lenten Friday. Since Saint Patrick is the principal patron of our diocese, I hereby grant a dispensation from Friday abstinence to all Catholics who reside in the diocese and all who are present within the Diocese on March 17, 2017. Those who take advantage of this dispensation are urged to substitute another suitable form of personal penance, possibly choosing another day within the Second Week of Lent as a Day of Lenten abstinence.

Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer  
Bishop of Harrisburg

### 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

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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 Gráduates

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](mailto:oyyam@hbgdiocese.org) or call 717-657-4804 ext. 327. [WWW.HBGDIOCESE.ORG/youngchurch](http://WWW.HBGDIOCESE.ORG/youngchurch)

**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.**

### Designer Purse Bingo

Benefit of St. Nicholas School, Minersville  
St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose, Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>  
Doors open at 11:00AM; Bingo starts at 1:00PM  
\$25 for 20 games....16 regular games/4 specials  
Advance Ticket holders eligible for a Special Drawing! Fabulous Prizes! Homemade food, refreshments and Fun!

For more information or for tickets call 570-544-2800...570-544-4581...570-527-0899

### 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.



### Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Save the Dates!

92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention

Monday, May 1, 2017, 9:00AM-4:00PM  
Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg, PA

also

7<sup>th</sup> Annual Weekend Retreat

June 9-11, 2017

Mount St. Mary's University  
Emmitsburg, MD

Retreat master: Reverend Alfred Sceski, pastor  
St. Joan of Arc Parish, Hershey, PA  
More details coming soon!

### Potato Cake, Haluski and Bake Sale

Divine Redeemer Church will be hosting a Potato Cake, Haluski and Bake Sale in Divine Mercy Hall, 400 block of West Cherry Street, Mount Carmel, Friday, March 17, 2017, from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Eat-In and Take-Out. Coming Soon Lenten Dinner Friday, April 7, 2017. For information, call 570-339-3450 during parish office hours.



## Calendar

### Monday

March 6

Lenten Weekday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18

Mt 25:31-46

### Tuesday

March 7

Lenten Weekday

Is 55:10-11

Mt 6:7-15

### Wednesday

March 8

Lenten Weekday

Jon 3:1-10

Lk 11:29-32

### Thursday

March 9

Lenten Weekday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25

Mt 7:7-12

### Friday

March 10

Lenten Weekday

Ez 18:21-28

Mt 5:20-26

### Saturday

March 11

Lenten Weekday

Dt 26:16-19

Mt 5:43-48

### Sunday

March 12

Second Sunday

of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a

2 Tm 1:8b-10

Mt 17:1-9

# Dear Padre,

## Why is it OK to eat fish during Lent? What if I'm a vegetarian?

The other day I was grocery shopping. I bought chicken on sale for \$1 per pound and salmon for \$8.99 per pound. If penance were about being economical, I would be eating chicken. If penance were the same as living simply, I might give up both proteins for an egg or bean alternative. (If you asked my fellow priests, they might say all food is penance when I cook.)

The *Catechism* teaches, "The interior penance of the Christian can be expressed in many and various ways. Scripture and the Fathers insist above all on three forms, fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others" (CCC 1434). Notice the last word: others. Fasting and abstaining from meat during Lent are shared sacrifices and part of our Catholic identity and duty (Canons 1249-53). The pope in Rome, your grandmother in Milwaukee, Catholics in India, and our fellow Christians (if and when they participate) are all united by this common penance. You express that unity by eating fish on Fridays.

If you are a vegetarian or vegan, I encourage you to do something additional during the Fridays of Lent to reflect the spirit of discipline and self-denial. However you observe Lent, remember: All Catholics are united to each other and to God in our prayer, penance, and worship.

Patrick Keyes, CSSR  
sundaybulletin@liguori.org



### A Word From Pope Francis

*"With its invitation to conversion, Lent comes providentially to awaken us, to rouse us from torpor, from the risk of moving forward by inertia."*

—Homily, Basilica of Santa Sabina, March 5, 2014

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 5, 2017

First Sunday of Lent (A)

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Rom 5:12-19

Mt 4:1-11



Piece: *Original Sin and Banishment From the Garden of Eden*, circa 1511  
Artist: Michelangelo Buonarroti  
Location: Sistine Chapel ceiling

## Sin and Redemption

One thing today's readings—and really all of Scripture—make abundantly clear is that the devil exists. He is a liar and a deceiver, just as he was for our first parents and for Jesus as well. This is good to keep in mind at the beginning of Lent. We need a conversion of heart because the devil tempts us. We are sinners. Sin is real. The story of original sin illuminates the failure of Adam and Eve, and the reading from Romans explains that that sin has reached us. In this fresco, Michelangelo paints the devil as a serpent with a human upper body to accent that the devil is a person. All humanity is wounded and weakened by sin.

Yet even if sin and the devil are realities, the good

news is that they are not the strongest realities. Jesus, as he shows us in the Gospel, is stronger than the enemy, and he shares that strength with us. We can be new creations through the salvation and forgiveness Jesus offers. His obedience can make us righteous.

During Lent, we try to purify our heart with God's grace so that we freely choose righteousness.

Our actions reveal another reality of the good news: our choices make a difference. God trusts us so much that he gives us free will and allows us to play a part in our own salvation. Accepting his grace is the first step toward victory over sin. That is why your Lenten fasts and promises are such game changers—they strengthen your will, purify your heart, and make you more like Jesus.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### For Reflection

*Have I prayed about what God wants me to give up or take on in Lent? What resolutions will help me love God more while distancing me from obstacles to his love?*

*"But the snake said to the woman: 'You certainly will not die! God knows well that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, who know good and evil'" (Genesis 3:4-5).*