

Church of the Holy Angels

February 18, 2018, 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,

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 17	
8:00am	Marie Dwane
5:30pm	Ann Deptula
Sunday, February 18	
8:30am	People of the Parish
10:30am	Edward J. Grazioli, Jr.
Monday, February 19	
6:30pm	Mary Dormer
Tuesday, February 20	
8:00am	Theresa & Joseph Nagy
Wednesday, February 21	
7:00am	Walter Cook
Thursday, February 22	
6:30pm	Joseph Nagy
Friday, February 23	
8:00am	Mary Persavage
Saturday, February 24	
8:00am	Virginia Kluge
5:30pm	James Valania
Sunday, February 25	
8:30am	James Rovito
10:30am	People of the Parish

Of Your Charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Helen T. Parker**, 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.

Sacrificial Offering

Weekend of February 11, 2018	
Sunday Offering Envelopes	\$4,882.00
Youth Offering	\$67.00
Loose	\$102.00
Energy	\$5.00
Initial Offering	\$5.00
Amount Budgeted	\$8,333.00
Amount Contributed	\$5,061.00
Weekend of February 11	-\$3,272.00
Votive Candles	\$135.00
Air Conditioning maintenance	\$286.00
Improvement Fund	
Previous Balance	\$13,101.00
Weekend of February 11	+\$217.00
Balance	\$13,318.00
Diocesan Collections	
Poor Missions	\$338.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$63.00
A Dime at a Time	
Current Debt	\$109,948.10
Dime at a Time	\$23.80
Plus 1 (+1) Contributions	\$46.00
Debt Reduction	\$331.00

Lenten Fish Dinners

Holy Angels Activity Center
Fridays during Lent beginning February 16
Dinners will be served from 4:00-6:00PM
\$9.00/adult, \$5.00/child
Dinner includes: Baked Fish, potato, vegetable, cole slaw, soup, salad, bread, dessert & beverage.
Eat-in or Take-out!

Bernardine Franciscan Associates
will meet February 25 at 2:30PM in the Rectory

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, February 20, 2018. 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

February 18 thru February 24

Sanctuary Light: *Special Intention*

St. Anthony: *Special Intention of Bob Kolar by mother, Mary*

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

St. Casimir: *Special Intention*

St. Theresa: *In loving memory of Gene Gratti by daughter, Cathy*

St. Kateri: *In loving memory of Pat Monahan by Cathy & Mary Ann*

St. Marziale: *Special Intention*

Sacred Heart: *In loving memory of Ronald Fodor by Sandy*



PREP

PREP Classes will be held Sunday, February 25 at 8:30AM for students in Grades 6, 7 & 8. PREP Classes will be held on Monday, February 26 at 5:30PM for students in Grades 1 thru 5.

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 7:15PM

Finance Council Meeting
Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 7:15PM

Adult Choir

Practice will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 for Adult Choir

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, February 24

5:30PM Philip Kenenitz-Hutnick, Zachary Smith, Jeremiah Sheganoski, Jacob Zarski

Sunday, February 25

8:30AM Mary Frances Komara, Brighton Scicchitano, Dominic Tamborelli, Brianna Tamborelli
10:30AM Angel Barwicki, Emily Olzewski, Bailey Little, Sierra Balonis

Masses

Vigil Lights/Standing Altar Candles

At this time, we are taking Mass Intentions for the year 2018. 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.

Oremus Prayer Study

Do you find it easy to pray? Is prayer an integral part of your day? Do you hear God's voice in your daily life, and know how to respond accordingly?

For many of us, the answer to these questions is, "no." We all desire an intimate relationship with God. But, since learning to "say our prayers" as children, we never moved beyond rote recitation to an authentic conversation with God.

Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer teaches you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life. Over the course of eight weeks you will discover how to place yourself in the presence of God. Following the wisdom of the saints and the Tradition of the Church, you will learn how to express yourself to God in prayer, and how to make prayer an integral part of your daily life.

Oremus includes eight video presentations by Fr. Mark Toups, lively small-group discussions, and inspiring readings for each day. The study will start in Lent beginning Feb 18 through April 15. Please check posters and flyers in the back of the church for details. Call Kathy 570-205-4704 or Deb 570-274-5861 to register.

Lenten Dinner

Friday, February 23, 2018

12:00 PM TO 2:00 PM

Divine Mercy Hall Macaroni & Cheese, Haluski
Eat In or Take Out

Also Available Take Out Only

Chili by the Quart

Lenten Ecumenical Prayer Services

"Christ On Trial"

Wednesdays during Lent 6:00PM

at the following locations:

February 21, Our Lady's Church, Mount Carmel
February 28, Kulpmont United Methodist Church
March 7, Holy Angels Kulpmont
March 14, Grace United Church of Christ, Mount Carmel
March 21 First United Methodist Church, Mount Carmel

" All Life is Precious"

HALO'S will be sponsoring a baby shower, March 4, 2018 after the 10:30 mass for the benefit of the Pregnancy Center. Please come and enjoy light refreshments as we support the great works of the Pregnancy Center in our area. Donations will be accepted through the box in the rear of the church or you can bring your donations to the shower. A list of requested items will be near the box or you may contact Nora Avellino, or Millie Smith (570-875-9799) with any questions you may have.

Attention College Students!

The Mother Maria Kaupas Center will sponsor the Sisters of Saint Casimir Faith and Spirit paid Internship this summer. College students who are members of Divine Redeemer, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Holy Angels or Saints Peter and Paul parishes are eligible to apply. Students interested in obtaining more information about the internship and the competitive application process should contact Jake Betz, Center Director, at 570-339-3450, ext. 7 or kaupascenterdrc@ptd.net. Contact Jake as soon as possible, because applications are due March 15.

Lenten Resources – Use this Lent to seek Jesus through prayer, fasting and works of charity. A variety of resources to help you are available on the Diocesan website at www.HbgDiocese.org/lent Visitors will find access to information on the three traditional pillars of Lenten observance; prayer, fasting and almsgiving along with links to helpful information on the CRS Rice Bowl, Penance & Reconciliation, daily readings as well as prayers and devotions. A listing of local parish and school spiritual offerings and fundraisers such as Lenten Fish dinners is also available



Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School Job Opportunities

Executive Principal

Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School located rurally in Coal Township, with an enrollment of 530 students from eight surrounding school districts, serves students in a co-educational, spiritual learning environment for grades PreK4 – 12. The Executive Principal is responsible for the general administration of the entire Pre-K to 12 school program. In addition that person is responsible for the educational leadership and supervision of the secondary school program, and works with the elementary principal who oversees the elementary section of the school program.

The mission of Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School, a faith-centered community rooted in the Roman Catholic faith, is to challenge students to strive for personal excellence and responsible citizenship. The School's mission is to empower the mind, body and spirit of all children from first learners to lifelong learners by providing a broad balanced education. For qualification requirements and further information please contact the parish office (570-373-1221).

Full-time Long-Term Substitutes

1. Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School in Coal Township is in need of a full-time long term substitute to teach Kindergarten starting in April.
2. Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School in Coal Township is in need of a full-time long term substitute to teach third grade starting immediately.

Part-Time Evening Janitor

3. Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School is accepting applications for a part time evening janitor beginning immediately. The qualified candidate will work 20 hours a week from 5-9PM. This position is responsible for ensuring the overall cleanliness of the school offices, lunchroom, restrooms, front hall, and gymnasium. Job duties include but are not limited to sweeping, dusting, mopping, emptying trash, and other janitorial tasks. Successful candidates must have self-initiative, high motivation, quality workmanship and regular attendance.

Full-Time Fourth Grade Teacher for the 2018-2019 academic year

Full-Time Third Grade Teacher for the 2018-2019 academic year

4. Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School is accepting applications for a third grade teacher and a fourth grade teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. The qualified candidate holds a BS or BA in either early childhood and/ or elementary education. Responsibilities include creating compelling, standards-based lessons that challenge students 'critical thinking and align with lesson, unit and grade-level objectives; providing rigorous instruction in core subjects daily; using a variety of strategies to engage students in the classroom..

Interested candidates should send a cover letter along with a resume, current clearances and Diocesan employment application to Sister Maureen Donati, Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School, 2001 Clinton Avenue, Coal Township, PA 17866 or email smaureen@lourdes.k12.pa.us.

Fish Dinner Donations

Anyone organization or family who would like to donate towards the cost of the fish for our Lenten Fish Dinners is asked to please call the rectory at 570-373-1221.

Baked Goods Donations

Ladies (and men) of the parish are asked to share their culinary skills by providing a baked good for our Lenten Fish Dinners. Desserts can be dropped off at the Activity Center during the day on Fridays.

Baked Fish Dinner

Baked Fish Dinner on Friday, March 2, 2018 from 4-7 PM at Ss. Peter & Paul Church Hall, 131 N. Beech St, Mount Carmel. Dinner includes: Baked Haddock, Coleslaw, Pierogies, Green Beans, Roll & Butter, Drink, & Dessert. All for just \$10 per person! Advance Tickets Only. Deadline to purchase tickets is Monday, February 26 at Noon. Eat in or take out. Contact the Rectory Office at 570-339-0650 during normal business hours for tickets.

Lenten Food Sale

Lenten Food Sale at Ss. Peter & Paul Church, 131, N. Beech St., Mount Carmel. Clam Chowder and Macaroni & Cheese (with Stewed Tomatoes). Quarts \$8 and Pints \$5. Pre-Orders Only. Place an order by calling the Rectory Office during normal business hours at 570-339-0650. Pick up orders at the Church Hall on Friday, March 23, 2018 from 3 to 6 PM.

Chinese Auction

Holy Angels Ladies Organization (HALO) will be sponsoring a Chinese Auction to be held on April 22 in the Activity Center. Doors will open after 10:30AM Mass and auction will start at 2:00PM. Please help again in making this a huge success as it was last year. We are asking for either a NEW item to be auctioned or a monetary donation. NO clothing of any type please. Please call Ann at 570-373-5741, Millie at 570-875-9799 or Catherine at 570-373-5752. Together we can make this another huge success!

Calendar

Monday

February 19
Lenten Weekday
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday

February 20
Lenten Weekday
Is 55:10-11
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

February 21
Lenten Weekday
Jon 3:1-10
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

February 22
Chair of St. Peter,
Apostle
1 Pt 5:1-4
Mt 16:13-19

Friday

February 23
Lenten Weekday
Ez 18:21-28
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

February 24
Lenten Weekday
Dt 26:16-19
Mt 5:43-48

Sunday

February 25
Second Sunday
of Lent
Gn 22:1-2, 9a,
10-13, 15-18
Rom 8:31b-34
Mk 9:2-10

Dear Padre,

Why won't the priest hear my confession right before Mass?

Theoretically, any time is a good time for penitents to reconcile and renew their relationship with the Lord! In practice, the priest's refusal to hear your confession immediately before presiding at Mass may be as much for your benefit as his. In his preoccupation with last-minute details of leading the assembly, he may think: *"How can I be more attentive to this individual and to a worthy celebration of the sacrament of penance without delaying Mass?"* He might also be reacting to a penitent's mechanical understanding of the sacrament that fosters a scrupulous practice of devotional confessions—that is, confessing only minor sins in preparation for Communion.



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Anyone who is conscious of serious sin is not to "receive the body of the Lord without previous sacramental confession unless there is a grave reason and there is no opportunity to confess" (*Code of Canon Law*, 916). In this case, the person makes a sincere act of contrition, including a resolution to confess as soon as possible. "The Eucharist is not ordered to the

forgiveness of mortal sins—that is proper to the sacrament of Reconciliation" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1395). Nevertheless, "the Eucharist strengthens our charity...and this living charity wipes away venial sins [and] the Eucharist preserves us from future mortal sins" (*CCC* 1394-95).

Catholics in a state of grace show respect for the dignity of the Eucharist, but trying to confess grave sins to a priest right before Mass may lessen the dignity given to one sacrament over another if the celebration of the sacrament of penance is rushed or the celebration of Mass begins late.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR | Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A Word From Pope Francis

In the face of tragedies which take the lives of so many migrants and refugees...expressions of empathy and compassion cannot help but spontaneously well up. "Where is your brother?" (Gen 4:9). This is not a question directed to others; it is a question directed to me, to you, to each of us.

—Forum on Migration and Peace, February 21, 2017

Our Parish

COMMUNITY

February 18, 2018

First Sunday of Lent (B)

Gn 9:8-15

1 Pt 3:18-22

Mk 1:12-15

Navigating the Desert

Like Noah being prepared to navigate the Flood, so the Spirit sent Jesus into the desert. Why was he sent there? Did he need to learn something he didn't know? Did he lack something he needed? Jesus as God didn't lack anything, of course, but he needed time to pray, reflect, and prepare for his mission. He also wanted to set an example to follow. Another Scripture says he went into the desert to be tempted by the devil. That time of spiritual combat was helpful for him.

We also need to go through trials and crises to grow both in our spiritual lives and human maturity. We each have had our desert where we are challenged to our core and stretched beyond our limits. Perhaps it was a crisis such as a health, employment, or relational issue. But it doesn't always have to be such a dramatic event. It can be as simple and constant as the

prolonged embracing of daily challenges in a manner that leads to life. We probably look back and see these as some of our best times—if we truly encountered ourselves and our Lord.

The key is in peaceful acceptance, looking for what good can be learned from these inconveniences. In every cross there is a resurrection; in every storm a rainbow assures us of God's presence and victory. It tells us that clouds and storms will not lead to total death, but rather to a purified rebirth, growth, and newfound life and strength. He has promised us this.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

What important lessons have I learned from a challenge in my life? Maybe I can share that lesson with a friend or family member.



Piece: Noah and the Flood, 1508

Artist: Michelangelo

Location: Sistine Chapel

[God said,] "I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

(Genesis 9:13)