

Church of the Holy Angels

September 9, 2018, Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

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Saturday, September 8

8:00am Leonard Persavage
5:30pm Carrie & Marshall Mirarchi

Sunday, September 9

8:30am People of the Parish
10:30am In Thanksgiving 40th Wedding
Anniversary of Lisa & Ron Howerter

Monday, September 10

6:30pm Joseph & Mary Bozza

Tuesday, September 11

8:00am The Victims of 9/11

Wednesday, September 12

7:00am Special Intention of Jacqueline Reigel

Thursday, September 13

6:30pm Andrew C. Kline

Friday, September 14

8:00am Steve & Gertrude Foris

Saturday, September 15

8:00am Mary E. Persavage
5:30pm Veronica Bogus

Sunday, September 16

8:30am People of the Parish
10:30am Deceased of the Jevelle Family

Masses are available for the remainder of the 2018 year. Please contact the parish office 570-373-1221



Sacrificial Offering

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**Financial Report not available
at this time.**

**September 2 & 9 will be
reported in next week's bulletin**

Rick K and the Allnighters

"America's Most Exciting Show Band"

Internationally acclaimed

Classic hit songs from the 1950's through today

Coming to the Mount Carmel Area High School

Auditorium

Sunday, October 14, 2018

Doors open at 3:00PM-Show begins at 4:00PM

Special tribute to Veterans

Tickets to be sold at:

Academy Sports Center, Mount Carmel

Subway in Walmart, Coal Township

Price \$20.00

Food will be available at concession stand

All proceeds will be donated to local charities

For information, call Joe Cesari 570-373-3561

Diocese of Harrisburg-150th Anniversary

Pilgrimage

On Saturday, November 3, 2018, Holy Angels Parish will sponsor a bus to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of our Diocese. The bus will leave at 6:00AM from Holy Angels Church. Itinerary will be in bulletin in the next few weeks. Reservations can be made by calling Holy Angels Parish Office at 570-373-1221. Cost is \$40.00 per person (includes meal). Payment is due by October 7th.

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! And if the pastor makes you feel unwelcome, let him 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, September 11, 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

September 9 thru September 15

Sanctuary Light: *In loving memory of Elaine Duran by husband, Michael*

St. Anthony: *In loving memory of Michael Soubik by wife, Marian & Family*

St. Anne: *In loving memory of Stanley Lazarski by Lazarski Family*

St. Casimir: *In loving memory of Joan Bissacia by Lazarski Family*

St. Theresa: *Special intention of Cynthia Wasilewski by Esther & John Ballent*

St. Kateri: *Special intention...*

St. Marziale: *Special intention of Marion Valanoski by Esther & John Ballent*

Sacred Heart: *In loving memory of Andrew & Dolores Furca by Children & Families*



Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, September 4, 2018 at 7:15PM

Finance Council Meeting

Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 7:15PM

Bernardine Associate Meeting

Sunday, September 23, 2018 at 2:30PM

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, September 15

5:30PM Austin Cole, Marshall Mirarchi IV,
Landon Williams

Sunday, September 16

8:30AM Gregory Troutman, Michael
Wasilewski, Bobby Schoppy, Brooke
Schoppy

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

Holy Angels' Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) UPDATES

Registration

PREP registration forms for Grades 1-8 are in the vestibule of the church. If your child has not registered, please pick up a form, complete and return it to the parish office as soon as possible. Classes for Grades 6-8 begin September 9 at the 8:30AM Mass followed by class time and then dismissal at 11:30AM. *Please note the time change for grades 6-8.* Grades 1-5 will begin September 10 at 5:30PM. Children will be dismissed after the 6:30PM Mass.

Attention! Parents of Children Preparing to Receive First Eucharist

In order to receive First Penance and Eucharist the child must have attended either catholic school OR the parish religious education program for two years. Registration forms for our Parish Religious Ed Program are in the vestibule of the church. If your child will be in first grade in public school, be sure they are registered and attend our PREP program in order to receive Communion in the second grade.

Confirmation Candidates 2018-2019

Students in Grade 8 (OLOL and PREP students) please mark your calendars. Mandatory retreat will take place on September 29, 2018 from 10:00 - 3:00PM. Confirmation is scheduled for March 23, 2019 at 10:00AM at Holy Angels Church.

Holy Angels Holy Name Society Pork Chop Dinner

Sunday, September 16th, 11:00AM-2:00PM

Dinner includes: 2 breaded pork chops, potato, stuffing, vegetable, dessert & beverage.

\$10.00 Donation-PRE-SALE ONLY

(no tickets will be sold at the door)

Tickets available at Holy Angels Parish Office or from any Holy Name Society Member

Take-outs available

Deadline for ticket sales is September 9

"Wild Goose" Study

The Wild Goose is an ancient Celtic symbol for the Holy Spirit. The Wild Goose Project is a study to invite you to a more profound life giving relationship with the Holy Spirit. This is a relationship marked by the love of God which breathes life into our daily existence either like a gentle breeze or a raging wind!

Join us for the first seven segments of this powerful study beginning this fall on Sundays from September 30 through November 11. The videos are presented by Franciscan Father Dave Pivonka, TOR and are followed by discussion and prayer. Details can be found on posters and fliers in the back of the church. Please RSVP by Sept 17 by calling Kathy 570-205-4704 or Deb 57-0274-5861.

Get your Christmas shopping done at our second annual HALO Craft Fair!

Our Holy Angels' Ladies Organization is holding a Craft Fair on Saturday, October 20, from 9 AM to 3 PM. If anyone wishes to donate craft items for our table please see Ann, (570) 373-5741, or Millie, (570) 875-9799, after church or call. Along with crafts for both adults and kids, we will also be having a bake sale and a candy shop.

Adult Choir

Choir practice will be held on Wednesday, September 12th & 19th at 7:00PM. New members welcome!

Lottery Calendars

Calendars are available in the vestibule after the weekend Masses during the month of September. Calendars can also be purchased at the Parish Office. Donation \$5.00 for two winning numbers!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

A Journey of Faith towards Christian Initiation in the Catholic Church

What is RCIA?

RCIA is a process of prayer, study, discussion and celebration for:

† Un-baptized adults who wish to learn about the Catholic Faith, and the possibility of becoming Catholic.

† Baptized Christians from other faiths who want to learn more about the Catholic Faith and the possibility of becoming Catholic.

† Baptized Catholics who have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation, that is Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation, who desire to enter fully into the community of the Catholic Church.

† Fully initiated Catholics who wish to update themselves on the teachings of the Church.

+ If you know someone who is thinking about becoming a Catholic, encourage him or her to take part in the RCIA.

+ If you are interested in finding out more about the RCIA at Holy Angels, please contact Father Andrew at 570-373-1221.

+ Please pray for the success of the RCIA and the intentions of the participants and team leaders.

The first gathering will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 9:00AM in the rectory.

**Kulpmont Knights of Columbus Wine Fest
Saturday, October 13, Noon - 6:00PM**

\$15.00 Pre-Sale, \$20.00 at the door

Tickets now available at Holy Angels Parish Office



Holy Angels Parish Family celebrates

Solemn Eucharistic Devotions

September 23, 24, 25, 2018

Guest speaker Reverend Ryan Fischer, Pastor of Divine Redeemer Church, Mount Carmel

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, September 23 after the 10:30AM Mass

Adoration throughout the day

Prayer Service & Benediction 7:00PM

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Monday & Tuesday, September 24 & 25

Exposition after the 8:00AM Mass

Adoration throughout the day

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Monday, September 24

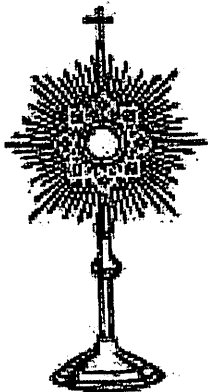
Prayer Service & Benediction 7:00PM

Tuesday, September 25, Solemn Closing of Eucharistic Devotions 7:00PM

Social Gathering after service

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Sacrament of Penance Sunday & Monday after the evening Prayer Service



IHM Sisters

The Sisters of IHM will be selling chances for the support of their nursing home, Camilla Hall, after the Masses on the weekends in September.

These are all money prizes:

1st Prize \$5,000

2nd Prize \$2,000

3rd thru 6th Prize \$1,000

7th thru Prize 10th \$500

11th thru 15th Prize \$200

12th thru 50th Prize \$100

Donation: \$1.00 or \$5.00 per book of 6 chances.

Thank you for supporting our sick and ageing Sisters. (One of them might have taught you!) Drawing October 6, 2018 at the annual Camilla Bazaar, Immaculata, PA

Thanking your ever-present generosity!
Sister Teresa Catherine and Sisters of IHM

Attention Teens (current grades 9 and above)

You are invited to join us for the Our Lady of Hope and St. Patrick Youth Group on Sunday, September 16 from 5:00-7:00pm! It will be held at the Our Lady of Hope Parish Center at 863 W. Chestnut Street, Coal Township, PA. At this gathering, we will have a hoagie dinner (please bring \$5) and watch/discuss YOU-Life, Love, and the Theology of the Body. We will conclude with a game. Please RSVP to Sister Emily Vincent, IHM by Wednesday, September 12 at SrEVincent@hbgdiocese.org or 570-648-4432. We look forward to having you join us!

Chicken Bar-B-Que Dinner: Mother Cabrini Church in Shamokin will hold a Chicken Bar-B-Que on Sunday, October 7, 2018 from 11AM to 2PM at the "Cabrini Shed", Corner of Race & Cherry Sts., Shamokin. Tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office, 214 North Shamokin St., Shamokin between the hours of 8AM - 4PM. Dinner includes: 1/2 chicken, homemade potato salad, baked beans, roll and a "sweet". Limited supply of extra dinners and chicken halves for "walk in" customers. Donation, \$8.00. **Take out only.** Call 570-648-4512 for more information.

SAVE the DATE

2018 Rosary Rally, Saturday, October 13, at noon in front of the church

Calendar

Monday

September 10

Weekday

1 Cor 5:1-8

Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

September 11

Weekday

1 Cor 6:1-11

Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

September 12

Weekday

1 Cor 7:25-31

Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

September 13

St. John Chrysostom,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13

Lk 6:27-38

Friday

September 14

Exaltation of the
Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9

Phil 2:6-11

Jn 3:13-17

Saturday

September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Cor 10:14-22

Jn 19:25-27

or Lk 2:33-35

Sunday

September 16

Twenty-fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Is 50:5-9a

Jas 2:14-18

Mk 8:27-35

Dear Padre,

No one talks about mortal and venial sin any more. What is the difference?

A mortal sin, as its name suggests, is a serious or “deadly sin.” Venial sins are less serious. We can judge the seriousness of a sin in two ways. The first is based on the matter of the sin, or what I actually did. For example, it is obviously more serious to assault a spouse than it is to lie about how fast I was going when I got stopped for speeding. Some things by their nature are objectively worse than others.



A second way to assess sin is subjectively so that the intent is more important than the act itself. Even if an act is relatively minor, it can be a mortal sin depending on why I do it. For instance, I might fail to lock the front door of a friend's house, which is not a serious sin in itself. It becomes serious if my intention in failing to lock the door is to leave the home open to burglary by an accomplice.

On the other hand, I might do something objectively serious (like betray an important confidence); but if I do it under coercion or without full understanding, my own moral culpability might be quite limited. The matter is mortal, but my own sin or moral responsibility is venial. Confessors often sort out the matter from the intent. It is not just what I do, but my freedom, understanding, and purpose in doing it.

Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

From *Sexuality and Morality: Answers for Modern Catholics*, © Charles E. Bouchard, OP

A Word From Pope Francis

The proclamation of the Gospel is destined for the poor first of all, for all those who all too often lack what they need in order to live a dignified life. To them first are proclaimed the glad tidings that God loves them with a preferential love...Go to the poor first of all.

—Diocese of Rome ecclesial convention, June 17, 2013



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Is 35:4-7a

Jas 2:1-5

Mk 7:31-37

A Church of and for the Poor

The book of James is one of the hardest hitting in the New Testament. He is a tell-it-like-it-is apostle, warning the early Church not to show partiality to the rich and powerful. This is always a danger, especially in a Church that relies on donations. While gratitude to donors is understandable and proper, it's easy for gratitude to become preference, partiality, and a different moral standard. James warns the Church against this.

Jesus warns us, too. He talks about inviting the poor to a party rather than those who can repay us. He tells us that when we give, that the left hand not know what the right is doing. He warns the rich that the path to heaven is narrow.

Jesus' call to salvation was for all, but his pastoral focus was certainly with the poor. So he dedicated much of his time reaching out to those who could give nothing in return: the blind, deaf, lame, and lepers. And his attention didn't stop at the materially poor but extended to sinners and those thought to be impure.

This love for the weak was a sign of the Messiah as proclaimed by many prophets, including Isaiah. The Anointed of God would come to vindicate the poor, orphaned, widowed, sick, and oppressed.

Jesus did exactly that, and it was this solicitude and miraculous power that began convincing Galileans, and eventually those in Jerusalem, that he was the long-awaited One. Pope Francis said he longed for a Church of the poor, for the poor. It seems Jesus did, too.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection
Do I have a heart for the poor as Jesus did?
How can I express that real preference in practical ways?



Piece: Sarcophagus (detail of Jesus healing the blind man), fourth century
Artist: Unknown
Location: Pius-Christian Museum, Vatican

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.

James 2:1