



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil – 5:00 pm | *Sunday* – 8:00, 9:45 & 11:30 am

Daily – Monday through Friday 8:00 am

Confessions – Saturday 4:15-4:45 pm; Sunday 7:15-7:45, 9:20-9:35, and
11:05-11:20 am; Wednesday 8:30-9:00 am & 5:15-5:45 pm

Adoration Wednesdays – 8:30 am to 6:00 pm

Office Hours – Monday-Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm & Fridays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Bulletin Submissions

Deadline for submissions for Bulletin - Friday Noon. Please email notices to bulletin@hgaparish.com.

Holy Guardian Angels Regional School

We encourage all our parents to consider sending their children to Holy Guardian Angels Regional School. The school is located at 3125 Kutztown Road, Reading, PA 19605. Please contact Kelly Prechtel, Head of School at 610-929-4124 for more information or to register.

Berks Catholic High School

We encourage our high school students to consider attending our local catholic high school – Berks Catholic. Please contact the Director of Admissions, Nicole Smith at 610-374-8361, ext. 244 for more information or to register. www.berkscatholic.org.

Religious Education (PREP)

All children should be receiving religious instruction through one of our Regional Catholic Schools or through our Parish Religious Education Program offered for grades K-8.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

We welcome and support all whose faith journey brings them to seek full communion with the Catholic Church. Please call the Parish Office for further information.

For PREP and OCIA questions, please contact Please contact Kari Mallozzi, Director of Religious Education at 610-921-2729, ext. 2203 or at kmallozzi@hgaparish.com.

Wills

As a lasting remembrance or final gift to your parish, all parishioners are encouraged to include Holy Guardian Angels Parish in their wills or as a beneficiary on an insurance policy. For more information or to speak to someone about a lasting gift to HGA, please contact the Guardian Society at guardiansociety@hgaparish.com.

Memorials

At the time of passing of a relative or friend, consider enrolling them in the Holy Guardian Angels Memorial Fund. Memorials are available in the Parish Office and are often used in lieu of flowers.

Diocese of Allentown

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator
Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC
Direct: (800) 791-9209

Office of Safe Environment
Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W., M.S
Secretary, Youth Protection & Catholic Human Services
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prusso@allentowndiocese.org

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service
If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse reporting service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 800-276-1562.



MASS Intentions

Note that all Daily Masses Monday through Friday & the 5:00 pm Vigil Mass are livestreamed on our Facebook page.

Monday, September 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:00 am Helen Sasiela, requested by Ann Marie Novak

Tuesday, September 24

8:00 am Deceased of the Galvin Family, requested by Anne Lesko and family

Wednesday, September 25

8:00 am Audrey Gallagher, requested by Nina Snukis

Thursday, September 26

Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

8:00 am Memorial Fund Members

Friday, September 27

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:00 am Living and Deceased of the St. Vincent de Paul Society

9:30 am (School Mass) John Kelly Janvier, requested by Merie B. Janvier

Sunday, September 29

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday

5:00 pm Vigil (Live-Stream) Arthur Corcroft, requested by wife, Connie

Sunday

8:00 am Theresa Bickel, requested by Albina Thompson

9:45 am Anthony Camilli, requested by Cherie Camilli

11:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners

SANCTUARY LAMP & CANDLE INTENTIONS Week of September 22, 2024

Sanctuary Lamp in Church: In Memory of Sister Mary Lee Wlazlowski, CSSF requested by family. **Sanctuary Candle in Chapel:** Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Blessed Mother Candles:** In memory of Jennifer Toplak-Sedlacek given by Cathie and Tony Wiencek; Living and Deceased Parishioners. **St. Joseph Candles:** Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Guardian Angels:** Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Anyone who would like to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamps, the Candles by St. Joseph, the Blessed Mother or the Guardian Angels for a week may stop by the Rectory Office. The cost is \$10 each.**

Any homebound parishioner, or family member of a homebound parishioner who would like to receive the weekly bulletin, please contact the Rectory Office at 610-921-2729, ext. 2200.



There is a lot going on at HGA, something for everyone! For details and information on events, offerings, and fundraisers, please visit the "News & Events" section of the website - www.hgaparish.com. Also, following our Facebook page @hgaparish - will keep you up to date on all things HGA!

Padre's Piece

The Books of Zephaniah & Haggai

Zephaniah's prophecy of judgment on Judah and Jerusalem emphasizes, perhaps more than any other prophecy, the devastation and death that divine judgment will bring. Described as the day of the Lord, the day of judgment is pictured as a time of darkness, of anguish and distress, of destruction and plunder of cities, and of threat to all life, human and animal alike. The major sins motivating this judgment, in Zephaniah's view, are Judah's worship of other deities and its unjust and abusive leadership.

The title of the prophecy informs us that the ministry of Zephaniah took place during the reign of Josiah (640–609 B.C.), not long before the fall of Jerusalem in 587 B.C. The protest against the worship of false gods and the condemnation of foreign practices may indicate that Zephaniah spoke during the height of Assyrian influence in the early years of Josiah's reign, before Josiah launched the religious reforms praised by Israel's historians. If so, the prophecy of Zephaniah would be contemporary with the early prophecy of Jeremiah, with which it shares both language and ideas.

Haggai's words concern conditions in the Persian province of Judah at the beginning of the postexilic period during the reign of the Persian king Darius I. The community in Judah is struggling with its identity in light of the loss of its statehood through the demise of the monarchy and the destruction of the Temple. Haggai's oracles address both these problems. First, the provincial government, despite its subordination to Persian hegemony, is seen as the legitimate heir to the Davidic monarchy; the governor Zerubbabel, himself a descendant of the Davidic line, and the high priest Joshua together provide political, economic, and religious leadership for the survivors of the Babylonian destruction and the returnees from the Babylonian exile who live together in Judah. Still, the possibility for restoration of Davidic rule is not relinquished but rather is shifted to the eschatological future. Second, the Temple's ruined state is addressed by a rebuilding program. The prophet links the well-being of the community to the work of Temple restoration, and his exhortations to the leaders and the people to begin work on this project are apparently heeded. The brief period of Haggai's ministry marks the resumption of work on the Temple, the symbol of divine presence among the people.

Barbara Schwartz, Pattie Mihalak, James Waldman, John Perate, Cindy Klymchuk, Daniel



Bastek, Sandra Clayton, Harmony Chiccarine, Aubrielle Beidler, Barbara Coco, Kim Bonner, Mary Ann Wensus, Daneen Poticher, Lisa Wrede, Bob Desherlia, Doris Day, Joan Adams, John Gaetani, Kirsten Snyder, Robert Brannon, Giada Caruso, Elaine Egan, Sharon Witman, Marie Scholl, Gene Toplak, George and Kathy Helms, Dennis Dautrich, Melissa Neff, Arlene Kunstek, Robert Keim, Marian & Al Masi, Beverly Oudinot, Thomas Greth, Damaris Diaz, Jim Selig, Peg Devine, Linda Swavely, Sadie West, Justin Shiffer, Giancarlo Diaz, Susan Janney, Julia Shemanski, Kira Christman, Mary Lou Faller, Mandy Eckert, Will Wagner, Donna Re, Richard Lewis, Scott Masi, Patricia and John Werner, George Weida, Grey Capriolo, Jadah Ovid, Wendy Ovid, Amy Hill, Dallas Warner, James Siracuse, Janet and Sawyer Fournier, Phillip Dutton, Rocco Colavito; Travis Christman, Todd Brady, Sheila Slimmer. **Names will remain on the list for one month.**



CONGRATULATIONS
& WELCOME
Deacon
Tim Ferguson!

Join us after the 9:45 am Mass on Sunday to congratulate and welcome our new Deacon!

Ordained on Saturday, September 14, Deacon Timothy Ferguson has been assigned here at HGA. Please stop by, say hello, and have a treat! Please remember to pray for Deacon Ferguson as he begins his ministry among us!

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Let's pretend for a bit and project our times backward to the days of the Apostles before the resurrection where our gospel passage finds us. A young reporter named Rebekah for "Action News Jerusalem" is dispatched to interview ordinary people who have become followers of Jesus. Given a tip by Mordecai, the assignment editor, about a group of 12 who are currently in town, she asks a certain man named Thomas what the group is discussing at their meeting. Thomas shyly replies, "We're trying to decide which of us is the greatest?"

Rebekah replies, "Our sources tell us that's the kind of question that your Leader disdains. Isn't that true?" Just then the Leader Himself comes into camera range. Rebekah notes the man's good looks and regal bearing despite His drab clothes and asks him straight away "Sir, don't you dislike talk of privilege and position among your followers?" "Surely", He replies, in a voice that could enrapture any audience. These men are good people, but they have a lot to learn about My perspective on things."

He goes further. "Rebekah, may I call you that?" "Certainly," she says, "our viewers call me that, and we're anxious for your thoughts."

Jesus at this point calls a little boy over from a group playing tag. Putting His arms around the boy's shoulders, He looks into the camera while also addressing His young followers and says, "Look, guys, and those of you watching on TV or online right now, "If you really want to be first, you've got to choose the last place. And if you receive a child like this boy here in My Name, respecting His innocence and his not angling for a position, you will be really receiving Me. Or even better, you will be receiving the One, the Person I call "Father" or "Abba" (Daddy) who sent Me. And we will always have your back."

TV reporter Rebekah, taking back her mike, says into the camera, "Well, there you have it, everybody, an unexpected drop-in conversation with the Man himself, Jesus of Nazareth. Now back to our studio. I'm Rebekah in Jerusalem for Channel 144, Action News."

I trust that you here and now can see the major point of the gospel that I tried to dramatize. True greatness comes from acknowledging who we are in God's eyes, not the eyes of fellow human beings. Setting goals like climbing social or corporate ladders, wishing for fame and fortune, or flaunting our possessions is so much a pursuit of nonsense. As for so many other teachings in Christ's Church, humility is key. "The person with true humility never has to be shown his place; he is always in it."

God love you and give you His peace.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, September 22 - Mass 8:00 am, 9:45 am (Donuts with our new Deacon, Tim Ferguson, after Mass!); and 11:30 am; Confession 7:15 am, 9:20 am, and 11:05 am; PREP 8:15 am; Baptism 12:45 pm; BINGO Doors Open 12:30, 1st Game Called at 2:00 pm; St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 12:45 pm; Boy Scout Review Board 6:00 pm

Monday, September 23 - Mass 8:00 am; Girl Scouts 6:30 pm

Tuesday, September 24 - Mass 8:00 am; CYO VB Practice 4:00 pm; CYO XC Practice 4:00 pm; OCIA/ Symbolon Series - Topic: Seeking the Face of God 6:30 pm; Knights of Columbus Assembly Meeting 7:00 pm; Adult Rec Basketball 7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 25 - Mass 8:00 am; Adoration 8:30 am to Benediction at 6:00 pm; Confession 8:30 am & 5:15 pm; CYO Cross Country Practice 4:00 pm; Fall Catechetical Series 6:15 pm

Thursday, September 26 - Mass 8:00 am; Fall Catechetical Series 9:00 am; Mass Book Opening for 2025 9:00 am; CYO VB Practice 4:00 pm; CYO XC Practice 4:00 pm; Legion of Mary 6:30 pm; BSA Troop 161 6:30 pm; Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm

Friday, September 27 - Mass 8:00 am; School Mass 9:30 am; CYO VB Varsity v. St. Peters 6:00 pm (with JV to follow); LCCSA Meeting 8:00 pm

Saturday, September 28 - Confession 4:14 pm; Vigil Mass 5:00 pm (live-streamed)

Sunday, September 29 - Mass 8:00 am, 9:45 am and 11:30 am; Confession 7:15 am, 9:20 am, and 11:05 am; Baptism Class 12:30 pm; 40 Hours Adoration begins 12:30 pm; CYO Cross Country Meet 2:00 pm; CYO Varsity VB v. St. Ignatius 4:45 pm (with JV to follow); Parish Feast Dinner 4:30 pm; High School Youth Ministry 1st Gathering 4:00 pm; iWorship 5:00 pm; 1st Night of 40 Hours with guest preacher, Fr. Nolan T. Lowry, 7:00 pm



Angel Earnings
HGA GIFT CARD FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

Upcoming order dates:

Due: September 22 - pick up September 28-29

Due: October 6 - pick up October 12-13

In stock gift cards are available for purchase before/after all weekend Masses. Grab your grocery and gas gift cards for the week. Gift cards available include: Giant, Weis, Redner's, Sheetz, and Walmart.



New Brand: Ritz-Carlton

From bustling cities to remote beaches and just about everything in between - discover how The Ritz-Carlton inspires life's most meaningful journeys in destinations around the world. Earn 6% on your next stay with new eGift cards in \$5-\$2,000 amounts.

New Brand: KFC

Physical gift cards in \$10 and \$25 denominations are now available.

Christmas is only three months away! Start buying cards for gifting, shopping, or stocking stuffing!

MEAT FEAST RAFFLE

Get your tickets for the MEAT FEAST RAFFLE! \$20 per ticket, only 1,000 tickets will be sold. 10 Awesome Prizes! Purchase tickets after Mass or at the Rectory during regular business hours. Drawing: Wed., 10/1 at 7:00pm during parish dine-out at Margherita's

SERVER/LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER 28-29

	5:00 pm	8:00 am	9:45 am	11:30 am
Servers	Christian Hendrix Noah Hendrix Libby Huston	William Johns Lia Martina Laceda Sophia Lezette	Elijah Kopp Dane Prechtl Cody Toplak	Matthew Glembocki Collin Kroenig Evan Kroenig
Lector	Rozanne Thompson	Kevin Kleckner	Carolyn Toplak	Ann Marie Botch
EM	Marge Collins Janet Huston	Anne Marie Ferguson Patrick Holland	Cathy Moyer Sub Requested	Kelli Glembocki Martha Weida



The St. Vincent de Paul Weekly News

Stocking the Shelves – Pet Food

During the month of September, SVdP is asking for donations of the following supplies: For Dogs: dry food, canned food. For Cats: dry food (Purina preferred), canned food, canned KITTEN food (Fancy Feast preferred). Please - no dog/cat treats or toys.

All of the food collected will benefit Berks County Humane Society and the Animal Rescue League as they strive to provide care for animals until they have found their new forever homes. Thank you for all you do to support those in need!

This week the second collection is to help financially support the work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of HGA Parish. Your financial support during last year's special collection was used for the following:

- Easter Meals (served 401 individuals): \$1,448.96
- Rental Assistance: \$785.00
- Soup Kitchen (Spring & Fall): \$755.85
- Toddler Beds & Infant Formula: \$540.00
- Lunch - New Journey: \$325.00
- Lunch - Opportunity House (June & August): \$315.51

We cannot thank you enough for your generosity!

Mark Your Calendars

The next SVdP Meeting will take place this Sunday, September 22nd at 12:45 pm in the rectory basement meeting room. We welcome all, no matter how much or how little time you have to give!



Thank you



Our volunteers are the **BEST!**
Your help at the Kennedy House Soup Kitchen meant so much to so many.



Next Soup Kitchen : March 8 & 9, 2025

Annual 40 Hours Devotions

September 29th, 30th, and October 1st!

Inspired by the antiphon for the Magnificat of Evening Prayer for the Feast of Corpus Christi, Fr. Nolan Lowry will preach for three subsequent nights focusing on Christ Our Food; Christ's Passion & Grace; and the Pledge of Eternal Glory. 40 Hours is a powerful way to strengthen our liturgical life by delving deeper into the source and summit of our Faith.

Please join us each evening at 7:00 pm. There will be adoration from 12:30pm-7:00 pm on Sunday and from 8:30am-7:00 pm on Monday and Tuesday.

First Friday Devotions Friday, October 4, 2024

- 7:00 am Exposition
- 7:00-7:40 am Confessions
- 7:45 am Benediction
- 8:00 am Daily Mass



READINGS FOR THE WEEK



- Monday Prv 3:27-34 Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 Lk 8:16-18 St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
- Tuesday Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday Prv 30:5-9 Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday Eccl 1:2-11 Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17BC Lk 9:7-9 Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
- Friday Eccl 3:1-11 Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 Lk 9:18-22 St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
- Saturday Eccl 11:9-12:8 Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 Lk 9:43b-45
- Sunday Nm 11:25-29 Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 Jas 5:1-6 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Join the fun of HGA SUNDAY BINGO! Sunday, September 22nd! You might win \$400! DOORS OPEN 12:30, 1ST GAME CALLED 2:00 PM



Come enjoy a fun afternoon of BINGO with a fast paced program, specials, rip tickets, and more! Food and drink are available for purchase. Player packs for \$20 & \$25. Kids play packs available for \$10. Bring your friends! Progressive Jackpot \$400 in 52 numbers!

Join the HGA Senior Club for a Halloween Party on Wednesday, October 9th at 1:00 pm in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room.

It's a COSTUME party so use your imagination. Prizes will be awarded for funniest, most creative, and best dressed. Join us for Spooky Bingo and some Spooky refreshments.



LAST WEEK *Collection* ©PPC

STEWARDSHIP	SEPTEMBER 15
WEEKLY	\$9,624.00
LOOSE	\$1,053.00
CANDLES	\$77.16
EMERGENCY	\$133.00
MORTGAGE	\$366.00
MAINTENANCE	\$180.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$2,047.00
OTHER	\$45.00
TOTAL	\$13,525.16

Next week, in honor of St. Vincent de Paul's Feast Day, a special second collection will be taken to aid the St. Vincent de Paul Society of HGA in their mission and ministry helping those in need in our local area.

ST. FRANCIS BLESSING



OF THE ANIMALS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

TWO BLESSING TIMES TO ACCOMMODATE OUR SCHOOL AND PARISH FAMILY!



9:00 am in front of the School
5:30 pm in front of the Chapel

All animals are welcomed to be blessed!

If we need to bless an animal in a vehicle, we will be happy to do so.

All animals must be leashed, caged, or contained as applicable.

This year, the St. Vincent de Paul Society is partnering with our school in support of the students' Fall Service Project! Animal supplies will be collected and donated to the Animal Rescue League & the Humane Society. Items include dry dog food, canned dog food, canned kitten food, dry cat food, canned cat food (Purina preferred).

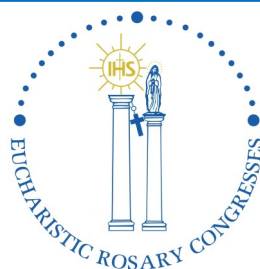
If you have any questions, please call the Rectory at 610-921-2729.

Don't miss HGA's 3rd Annual "Throwing the Angels Cornhole Tournament" - Saturday, October 5, 2024, at 10:00 am at Holy Guardian Angels, 3121 Kutztown Road, Reading, PA 19605.



40 teams will compete for cash prizes and bragging rights! 1st Place \$300, 2nd Place \$200, 3rd Place \$100. \$50 per team. Participants receive a free reusable cup and a commemorative t-shirt. Visit www.hgaparish.com for more information or to register your team online! Forms are also available at all church entrances. Sponsorships are available! Call Anne Malinowski at 610-921-2729, ext. 2216 with any questions.

1st Eucharistic Rosary Congress in Berks County!



Are you struggling with finding time to visit our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament? Are you seeking spiritual healing for yourself, family and loved ones? Here is an opportunity for you!

The Eucharistic Rosary Congress ("ERC") will take place in Berks County beginning at the 5:00 pm Vigil Mass at Holy Guardian Angels Chapel and continue 24/7 through Friday, October 11th.

There will be 7 days and nights of perpetual adoration. The rosary will be prayed every hour, on the hour.

Sign up sheets will be in the main vestibule after Masses the next two weekends. For questions or more information, please contact Tim Dillon at 610-921-3818 or email irishtool@hotmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you in front of the Blessed Sacrament, adoring Our Lord.

The Rosary Congresses began in Poland in May 1979 to coincide with Pope St. John Paul II's historic visit to the former communist country. They are now held in dozens of dioceses throughout the United States. For more information about the National Organization visit www.RosaryCongressUSA.org.

Upcoming EVENTS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING
September 22

MASS BOOK OPENING
September 26

CYO CROSS COUNTRY MEET
September 29

iWORSHIP
September 29

FEAST DINNER
September 29

40 HOURS
September 29 - October 1

PARISH DINE OUT AT MARGHERITA'S
MEAT FEAST DRAWING
October 2

FEAST OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS
October 2

CONFIRMATION
October 3

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
HOPE, GRACE AND ADULTING
October 4

THROWING WITH THE ANGELS
October 5

Mass Book 2025 Opening
Thursday, September 26, 2024
9:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Church Vestibule

Please refer to the insert in last week's bulletin for the procedures for requesting Mass intentions for 2025. Additional inserts and Mass intention worksheets can be found at all entrances to the church and may be picked up at the Rectory during regular business hours.



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A few spots remain to enroll your student in Holy Guardian Angels Regional School for the 2024-2025 School Year. (5th and 8th grades are full). Join our supportive, family-centered school. We cherish Catholic traditions and nurture our students to love, respect and serve God, themselves and others. Our commitment to high academic standards in a diverse and fun-filled environment ensures that every child thrives. Don't miss out- enroll today by contacting Kelly Prechtel, Head of School at kelpre@hgaschool.org or by calling 610-929-4124.

Support our school by donating \$5! You will receive a 25% OFF discount shopping pass for Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Sale on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 (8a.m.-11p.m.). Your donation also enables you to register to win a \$100 Boscov's Gift Card. Visit holyguardianangelsregionalschool.square.site call 610-929-4124 or email development@hgaschool.org to reserve your pass for \$5 today!

Our Fall Service Project: Animal Supply Collection begins Tuesday, September 3 and runs through Monday, September 30, 2024. Help us support the Animal Rescue League and Humane Society of Berks County by donating items for our furry friends. Please drop all items off at the Collection Box outside of the Learning Commons or in the vestibule of the Main School Entrance (M-F 8am-2pm).

Save the Dates!

- Noon Dismissal, October 1
- No School - October 14
- HGA Night at Duncan Corn Maze, October 11
- Trunk or Treat- Wednesday, October 23

Our largest fundraiser of the year, the Cougars' Fun Run will be kicking off in just a few weeks! We are on a quest to raise \$30,000 for updating our school safety camera system. During our campaign, students will be helping our school by getting donations and embarking on the "Castle Quest" character theme. The program culminates with an exhilarating Fun Run. More information on how you can support our students will be coming soon!

CYO NEWS

Registration is now open for Winter Sports including Cheerleading, Boys Basketball, and Girls Basketball. NEW! Cheerleading will be open to 3rd & 4th Grade Girls as well as 5th-8th Grade Girls! Coaches are still in need for Cross Country - especially for meet days and the meet HGA will host on Sunday, September 29th. Help is needed for concessions and other tasks. Please email cyo@hgparish.com if you can donate your time & talent for an hour or more!



The Parish Religious Education Program ("PREP") year is in full swing! We are in need of a Catechist for 5th Grade! Please contact Kari Mallozzi, Director of Religious Education at 610-921-2729, ext. 2203 for more information & details.

Save the Date!

Confirmation will be celebrated with Bishop Schlert on Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 4:30pm

For information about the HGA PREP Program, please visit the website at <https://www.hgaparish.com/prep>.



Coats for Kids is a vital program of the Knights of Columbus that provides the gift of warmth to children in need. By making a charitable donation to our Coats for Kids program, you can stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the Knights of Columbus as we provide a warm coat for children less fortunate.

Last year, our council distributed 120 coats to local organizations including Reading 16th and Haak Middle School, Reading Middle School, LIFE House, Lighthouse (Hope Rescue), local Veterans, Mary's Shelter and Kennedy House. We hope to match or exceed last year's effort.

If you'd like to join us in this effort, please use an extra donation envelope (on the window ledges), mark it "HGA Coats for Kids" and deposit in a collection basket or drop it off at the rectory, on or before Monday, 30 September.



Celebrating its refreshed debut, the Augustine Institute's foundational faith formation series Symbolon is new, refreshed, and more relatable than ever.

SCHEDULE (ALL TUESDAYS)

6:30 - 7:45 pm - Rectory Basement Meeting Room

SEPT. 24 <i>Seeking the Face of God</i>	OCT. 29 <i>His Only Son, Our Lord</i>	NOV. 19 <i>I Believe in the Holy Spirit</i>
OCT. 8 <i>I Believe in God, the Father Almighty</i>	NOV. 5 <i>Born of the Virgin Mary</i>	DEC. 3 <i>Mary, The Mother of God</i>
OCT. 15 <i>Creator of Heaven & Earth</i>	NOV. 12 <i>He Suffered Under Pontius Pilate</i>	DEC. 10 <i>Church History</i>
OCT. 22 <i>I Believe in Jesus Christ</i>		DEC. 17 <i>The Sacraments</i>

Attend as many sessions as you wish or all of them!

Topics will be listed in the bulletin for each session. No RSVP necessary. If you have questions about this series, please contact Kari Mallozzi, Director of Religious Education at 610-921-2729, ext. 2203 or kmallozzi@hgaparish.com.



Don't miss HARVEST FEST at St. Mary Parish in Hamburg!

Celebrating its 20th Anniversary, the Harvest Fest will take place on Friday, October 4 from 4-9 pm and Saturday, October 5 from 12-9 pm. Polka Mass starts at 4:30 pm!

Rain or Shine, a safe, positive, and fun community event for the entire family! FREE Admission & FREE parking. Enjoy great food, fun entertainment & activities for all ages. Homemade ethnic foods and desserts, kid's games, a corn maze, hay rides, bounce house, rock wall, bungee jump, BINGO, Theme Baskets, Quilt & Cash Raffles, Beer/Wine Bar.

Live Music on Friday with Flamin' Dick and the Hot Rods and Saturday enjoy the Golden Tones Polka Band and the Northkill Creek Band.

You can find healing at a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.

Jesus died not to judge or condemn you, but to forgive you. His sacrifice is freely given, and it is continually offered to you with His perfect love. If you struggle with the emotional pain of a traumatic pregnancy loss, whether through abortion or miscarriage, you can experience His mercy and compassion in a safe, confidential, non-judgmental group setting.

Come to our Healing Weekend Retreat, October 4-6, 2024 in Doylestown, PA, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. To register, and for more information, please call Evelyn at (215) 317-5752. Read more about our retreat online at www.rachelsvineyard.org. All requests are strictly confidential.

To financially assist in making this retreat available for future participants, especially for those in need of scholarships, please email evelynwalsh59@gmail.com for more information. May God bless you for your generosity. Rachel's Vineyard is a non-subsiary 501(c)3 organization. Financial gifts are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.



The choirs of the Diocesan Cathedral will present a Marian concert on Sunday, October 13th, at 2 PM. The music will consist favorite hymns and songs to Our Blessed Mother. There is no admission fee, but we will have a free will offering. Since this date marks the last apparition of Our Lady of Fatima (10/13/17), we invite you to bring a flower or flowers to place at our statue of Mary. We will honor our Mother with blos-