



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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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 RCIA 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

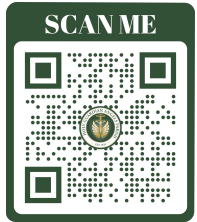
At the time of passing of a relative or friend, consider enrolling them in the Holy Guardian Angels Memorial Fund. Memorials are available in the Parish Office and are often used in lieu of flowers.

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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, August 26

8:00 am Anna and Richard Starke

Tuesday, August 27

St. Monica

8:00 am Frances Cronan, requested by Vince Cronan

Wednesday, August 28

Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 am Stefanie Siatkowski, requested by daughter, Eileen

Thursday, August 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:00 am Anna and Richard Starke

9:30 am (School Mass) Lee Garrigan, requested by Dolores Shemanski

Friday, August 30

8:00 am Lola and Lorenzo Rozzi, requested by their children.

Sunday, September 1

The Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday

5:00 pm Vigil (Live-Stream) Amanda Tangredi, requested by Mom & Dad

Sunday

8:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners

9:45 am Pat Sheldon, requested by Bob Sheldon

11:30 am John Tomtishen, Jr., requested by Becky and Bernie Horyczko

SANCTUARY LAMP & CANDLE INTENTIONS **Week of August 25, 2024**

Sanctuary Lamp in Church: Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Sanctuary Candle in Chapel:** Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Blessed Mother Candles:** For a Special Intention, requested by Joan Shaffer. **St. Joseph Candles:** Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Guardian Angels:** James Siracuse, requested by Ellen Siracuse. **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.**

Padre's Piece

The Book of Jonah

The story of Jonah has great theological import. It concerns a disobedient prophet who rejected his divine commission, was cast overboard in a storm and swallowed by a great fish, rescued in a marvelous manner, and returned to his starting point. Now he obeys and goes to Nineveh, the capital of Israel's ancient enemy. The Ninevites listen to his message of doom and repent immediately. All, from king to lowliest subject, humble themselves in sackcloth and ashes. Seeing their repentance, God does not carry out the punishment planned for them. At this, Jonah complains, angry because the Lord spares them. This fascinating story caricatures a narrow mentality which would see God's interest extending only to Israel, whereas God is presented as concerned with and merciful to even the inhabitants of Nineveh, the capital of the Assyrian empire which brought the Northern Kingdom of Israel to an end and devastated Jerusalem in 701 B.C. The Lord is free to "repent" and change his mind. Jonah seems to realize this possibility and wants no part in it. But the story also conveys something of the ineluctable character of the prophetic calling.

The book is replete with irony, wherein much of its humor lies. The name "Jonah" means "dove" in Hebrew, but Jonah's character is anything but dove-like. Jonah is commanded to go east to Nineveh but flees toward the westernmost possible point, only to be swallowed by a great fish and dumped back at this starting point. The sailors pray to their gods, but Jonah is asleep in the hold. The prophet's preaching is a minimum message of destruction, while it is the king of Nineveh who calls for repentance and conversion; the instant conversion of the Ninevites is greeted by Jonah with anger and sulking. He reproaches the Lord in words that echo Israel's traditional praise of his mercy. Jonah is concerned about the loss of the gourd but not about the possible destruction of 120,000 Ninevites.

Unlike other prophetic books, this is not a collection of oracles but the story of a disobedient, narrow-minded prophet who is angry at the outcome of the sole message he delivers. It is difficult to date but almost certainly may reflect the somewhat narrow, nationalistic reforms of Ezra and Nehemiah. As to genre, it has been classified in various ways, such as parable or satire. The "sign" of Jonah is interpreted in two ways in the New Testament: His experience of three days and nights in the fish is a "type" of the experience of the Son of Man, and the Ninevites' reaction to the preaching of Jonah is contrasted with the failure of Jesus' generation to obey the preaching of one who is "greater than Jonah."



The flowers at the foot of the Crucifix, the St. Joseph Altar, the Ambo, and the Blessed Virgin Mary's Floral Rosary are in Loving Memory of Jerry Hartman, given by Julie and Stephanie Hartman.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, August 25 - Mass 8:00 am, 9:45 am and 11:30 am; Confession 7:15 am, 9:20 am, and 11:05 am; Backpack Blessings at all Masses; BINGO Doors Open 12:30 pm, 1st Game Called 2:00 pm

Monday, August 26 - Mass 8:00 am; First Day of School; Pastoral Council Meeting 5:30 pm; Girl Scouts Mtg. 6:30 pm

Tuesday, August 27 - Mass 8:00 am; CYO VB Practice 4:00 pm; Adult Rec Basketball 7:00 pm

Wednesday, August 28 - 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;

Thursday, August 29 - Mass 8:00 am; School Mass 9:30 am; CYO VB Practice 4:00 pm; Hope, Grace, and Adulthood 6:00 pm; Legion of Mary 6:30 pm; BSA Troop 161 6:30 pm

Friday, August 30 - Mass 8:00 am; LCCSA Meeting 8:00 pm

Saturday, August 31 - Confession 4:14 pm; Vigil Mass 5:00 pm (live-streamed)

Sunday, September 1 - Mass 8:00 am, 9:45 am and 11:30 am; Confession 7:15 am, 9:20 am, and 11:05 am; Baptism 12:45 pm; BINGO Doors Open 12:30 pm, 1st Game 2:00 pm; BSA Troop 161 Committee Meeting



Upcoming order dates:

Due: September 8 -

Pick Up - September 14-15

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SERVER/LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE - AUG 31 - SEPT 1

	5:00 pm	8:00 am	9:45 am	11:30 am
Servers	Carlos Flood Madelyn Glessner Meredith Swavely	William Johns Sophia Lezette Volunteer Requested	Juan Pablo Martinez Dane PrechtI (Sub Requested) Vincent Tartaglia	Collin Kroenig Evan Kroenig Lia Martina Laceda
Lector	Rozanne Thompson	Cindy Heimbach	Sherry Gonzalez	Anne Malinowski
EM	Mark Semprini Tina Semprini	Anne Marie Ferguson Anthony J. Wiencek	Diane Choiniere Cathy Moyer	Georjean Jones Martha Weida

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, Jennifer Toplak-Sedlacek, Giada Caruso, Elaine Egan, Sharon Witman, Marie Scholl, Gene Toplak, George and Kathy Helms, Dennis Dautrich, Melissa Neff, Arlene Kunstek, Robert Keim, Msgr. John Grabish, Marian & Al Masi, Beverly Oudinot, Thomas Greth, Damaris Diaz, Jim Selig, Peg Devine, Anne Lazar, 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, Ann Marie Novak, Jadah Ovid, Wendy Ovid, Amy Hill, Dallas Warner, James Siracuse. **Names will remain on the list for one month.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5 Mt 23:13-22
 Tuesday 2 Thes 2:1-3A, 14-17 Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 Mt 23:23-26 St. Monica
 Wednesday 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 Mt 23:27-32 St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the church
 Thursday 1 Cor 1:1-9 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 6:17-29, The Passion of St. John the Baptist
 Friday 1 Cor 1:17-25 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 Mt 25:1-13
 Saturday 1 Cor 1:26-31 Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 25:14-30
 Sunday Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The cause of our disappointment can be anything from a car to a carnival; a rest stop or a restaurant; a movie or a meeting. The frustration with whatever letdown happened ultimately makes us say, at least to ourselves, "I'm never going to buy, or buy into, that item again.

Something akin to that decision must have formed in the minds and hearts of many of Our Lord's early followers on that fateful day when He announced the Eucharist. It was altogether "too much" for them to accept what He said. Time to walk away, back to their former way of life.

In the wake of their shuffling sandals and their overheard murmurs, the Apostles were stunned into silence and confused by the mystery. Then Jesus asked: "Do you also want to leave?" For a few moments, there was a "loud silence," if you get my meaning. The birds still chirped overhead; the breeze still tousled their hair; images still troubled their thoughts. Eating flesh and drinking blood broke every law of Moses they knew.

But in the nick of time, our bold, brash, and impetuous first pope St. Peter broke the silence and asked the same question we sometimes ask, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Indeed, He did and still does forever.

Yet, here was the perfect opportunity for Jesus to ease their minds and say: "My people, I was only speaking figuratively!" Or "I mean for the bread and wine to be symbols. Not my actual body and blood!" But He never did. In fact, that mistaken understanding is the very one that anchors every non-Catholic Christian church up to today. With due respect for the goodness in those churches, their founders exemplify what happens when hearers of the truth don't like what they hear.

The Bible stands strong here, when human weakness finds this teaching of Jesus unacceptable. How ironic that fundamentalists, who prefer to take literally what they read in Scripture, will not do so with words that Jesus said on Holy Thursday night.

At any rate, here is a powerful quote from the talk that Pope St. John Paul II gave at Phoenix Park during his three-day visit to Ireland in the Fall of 1979. He unknowingly but prophetically describes the situation we find right now in our own country:

"When the moral fiber of a nation is weakened, when the sense of personal responsibility is diminished, then the door is open for the justification of injustices, for violence in all its forms and for the manipulation of the many by the few. The challenge that is already with us is the temptation to accept as true freedom what in reality is only a new form of slavery. And so, it becomes all the more urgent to steep ourselves in the truth that comes from Christ...It is especially in the Eucharist that the power and the love of the Lord are given to us"

Thank you, St. John Paul, for pointing out the locus of true Love.

The St. Vincent de Paul Weekly News

There is no Stocking the Shelves Collection during the month of August; so, it is the perfect time to pause and send out a big THANK YOU!

We'd like to take a moment to thank each and every person who has heard and answered the call to give to those in the community over the past year. We started the Stocking the Shelves initiative hoping that, if we focused our efforts each month toward a specific need in the community, we might be able to be of some assistance. You not only heard our call for help, you responded to that call with giving hearts each and every month! Please review the flyer in this week's bulletin to see how many organizations have been truly uplifted by

the ongoing help you have offered through your donations.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Holy Guardian Angels Parish is here for you!



Our parishioners have consistently supported our efforts to address the needs of others; however, we hope and pray that parishioners in need will reach out to us so that we may be of service to them as well. Please communicate to us through the parish website or call 610-921-2729 (option 4, then option 1) if you are in need of food or assistance. All communications will remain strictly confidential.

“Let us continue to offer one another to God and to love each other in Our Lord, as he has loved us.”
– St. Vincent de Paul

The Culture of Life Group and the Knights of Columbus at HGA would like to invite you to join us for the PA March for Life on Mon., Sept. 23 in Harrisburg PA. We are planning to carpool from HGA at 8:00am & return around 4 pm. Please RSVP by Monday, Sept 16th if you are interested in attending. Contact Julie Hartman at email address: juliehartman80@gmail.com. God bless you, and please keep the lives of the unborn in your prayers.




ASCENSION

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH
THE MASS


Fall Catechetical Series
Wednesdays 6:00 PM
& Thursdays 9:00 AM in September

The Mass is nothing short of amazing. Through it, we encounter God in the most intimate way possible as we hear him speak to us in the Liturgy of the Word and as we receive him Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist.

RSVP Today! Please contact Kari Mallozzi, Director of Religious Education & Evangelization at kmallozzi@hgaparish.com or call 610-921-2729, ext. 2203.

#WHYWEMARCH *RSVP* #PAMARCHFORLIFE


WITH EVERY WOMAN, FOR EVERY CHILD





PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE

SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: PA.MARCHFORLIFE.ORG HOSTED BY:

Have you visited the Holy Guardian Angels website recently?

www.hgaparish.com

There you will find everything you need to know about our Parish!

- The Parish Calendar
- Contact Information
- Mass Times
- News & Events
- A Link to the HGA Square Store
- A digital copy of the HGA Mission & Activities Book
- Archived Bulletins
- And much, much more!

BINGO THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH!
The jackpot starts stands at \$250 in 49 numbers this week!
Don't miss out!



DOORS OPEN 12:30.
1ST GAME CALLED 2:00 PM

Come enjoy a fun & cool 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!

HGA BINGO is the nicest BINGO in town!

If you are suffering a divorce or separation, or perhaps grieving a past divorce, join us for prayers, donuts and encouraging conversation. BYOC - bring your own coffee.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Whitehall, second floor of the parish office on the first Saturday of each month, 9:00 to 10:00am (after the 8:30am Mass). The next meetup is September 7th. For information call 505 688-8663.

Restore: A Women's Healing Retreat at St. Mary of Providence Center in Elverson, PA

Thur., Oct. 31 - Sun., Nov. 3, 2024

We invite you to join us if you are seeking Christ-centered healing from the emotional and spiritual effects of trauma and past wound-



ing. In a supportive and caring environment, we listen deeply for the Holy Spirit's promptings as He reveals the memories, the moments, and the circumstances that caused disintegration within us. With Him, we will untwist distortions, renounce lies, expose the habitual ways we get stuck in anxiety, fear, or overwhelm, and, most importantly, open to Jesus' Love, the true balm for our wounded hearts. Come...and let Him Restore you!

Retreat Leaders: Father Stephen DeLacy and De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry

To learn more or to register, please visit <https://youaremadenew.com/restore-womens-retreat> or email De at de@youaremadenew.com.

LAST WEEK *Collection* ©PPC

STEWARDSHIP	AUGUST 18
WEEKLY	\$9,807.25
LOOSE	\$1,157.00
CANDLES	\$308.25
EMERGENCY	\$85.00
MORTGAGE	\$155.00
MAINTENANCE	\$165.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$2,817.00
NATIONAL SHRINE	\$988.00
ASSUMPTION	\$2,710.00
OTHER	\$117.00
TOTAL	\$18,309.50

Wednesdays at HGA!
Adoration from 8:30am-6:00 pm
In the Chapel.
Confessions 8:30-9:00 am
& 5:15-5:45 pm.



JOIN US FOR HGA'S YOUNG ADULT NIGHT!
THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2024 * 6:00PM
MEET BEHIND THE RECTORY AT THE GARAGE
COME AND ENJOY A SUMMER PICNIC WITH
FOOD AND DRINKS PROVIDED BY THE PADRE!



LAST CHANCE FOR LABOR DAY LOTTERY TICKETS! THEY'RE ALMOST GONE!

A \$2 Donation gets you 10 chances to win \$1,000! If your number matches the Evening Pick-4 on September 2nd - you win! Purchase tickets after all weekend masses or at the Rectory during regular business hours!

THE BIRTHDAY OF THE OF THE BLESSED MOTHER



join us

Assumption BVM Parish

9/8, 3pm



SPEAKER:
FR. KEATON EIDLE

A message from HGA Guardian Society: Did you know August marks National Make-A-Will Month, an annual observance highlighting the importance of planning ahead and creating a will?

Please take a minute to consider creating or updating your personal will and estate plan. This can result in peace of mind for the future of the people you love and document the important financial and healthcare decisions for your legacy. By including an optional legacy to Holy Guardian Angels in your will, you can also ensure that your faith and your parish will be able to continue to exist to foster Catholic values in our community.



—Guardian Society—
HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH

The Diocese of Allentown celebrates Make-a-Will Month by offering “FreeWill,” a free, diocesan online estate planning tool, which promises to help you create or update your legally-binding will in only 20 minutes. For more information about FreeWill, visit <https://www.freewill.com/allentowndiocese>.

Upcoming

EVENTS

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
August 26

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
August 26

SCHOOL DINE OUT AT MARGHERITA'S PIZZERIA
August 28

HOPE, GRACE & ADULTING
August 29

FIRST FRIDAY
August 30

LABOR DAY LOTTERY
September 2

HEALING MASS
September 4

FALL CATECHETICAL SERIES BEGINS
September 4

HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

OFFICIAL ONLINE SHOP

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SALE



30% OFF SITEWIDE!
FREE SHIPPING OVER \$75

AUGUST 20TH - SEPTEMBER 24TH
ORDER AT: [1STPLACE.SALE/109783](https://1stplace.sale/109783)



Registration is still open at Holy Guardian Angels Regional School! Our 5th and 8th grades are now FULL. Secure one of our final 10 spots in PreK, Kindergarten, 1st and 6th grade. Join our family-centered school. At Holy Guardian Angels Regional School, we cherish Catholic tradition and nurture students to love, respect, and serve God, themselves, and others. Our commitment to high academic standards in a diverse and fun-filled environment ensures every child thrives. Don't miss out -contact Head of School, Kelly Prechtel at kelpre@hgaschool.org to set up a tour today!

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 (8am-11pm). 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!!

Join us at our first Dine Out Event of the new school year! Visit Margherita's Pizzeria on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, from 3-9pm and show our flier or mention HGARS and you'll support our school!

Save the Dates!

- First Day of School for K-8- Monday, August 26 8am
- School Closed for Labor Day- Friday, August 30- Monday, September 2
- First Day of PreKindergarten - Tuesday, September 3 8am
- First Day of Aftercare- Tuesday, September 3

CYO NEWS

NEW! Golf for boys & girls in grades 5-8.

If interested, please email cyo@hgaparish.com.

Fall sport registration is now open for all Holy Guardian Angels Regional School students & student parishioners who attend other schools. Volleyball is open to all girls in grades 5-8 in the 2024/2025 school year. Cross Country is open to all boys & girls in grades K-8 for the 2024/2025 school year. Sign up and pay online at www.hgaparish.com/cyo.



We are in need of a catechist for our first grade class! If you are interested, please give Kari Mallozzi a call to discuss at 610-921-2729, ext. 2203.

The Parish Religious Education Program ("PREP") year kicks off on September 8th at 8:15 am. Parents are asked to bring their child into their classroom. The catechists for each level will be there to greet you and go over a few details for the year. Following, parents may leave and PREP will continue the morning with the kids. Dismissal will be at 9:30 am and everyone is encouraged to attend the 9:45am mass. If you have not registered, please do so by August 31st.

PREP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2024-2025 YEAR

Please visit the HGA website and click on the "Faith Formation" tab. Once the drop down appears, click on "PREP." You will see a box for the registration form – click – and get signed up for another great year! Please remember if you volunteer with us, your child/ children's tuition is waived. Please consider joining our team! Please call Kari Mallozzi, Director of Religious Education, at 610-921-2729, ext. 2203 for more information.



Berks Catholic High School

WE'RE HIRING

Part-Time Learning Support Teacher

APPLY NOW!

Send your CV and Resume to:

jpetruzzelli@berkscatholic.org



RED, WHITE & BLUE MASS

IN HONOR OF PATRIOT DAY



WED., SEPT. 11, 2024 | 6:30 PM

Holy Guardian Angels Parish, 3121 Kutztown Road, Reading, PA

Celebrated by

FATHER ALLEN J. HOFFA, PASTOR



Holy Guardian Angels Parish invites all police, firefighters, first responders, legal professionals, and health care workers who serve Muhlenberg, Laureldale, Hyde Park, Temple, Alsace, Blandon, and any Berks County area & their families to this yearly celebration and blessing.

All service vehicles will be blessed after the Mass.

RSVP to Rachel at 610-921-2729, ext. 2200, so that we will have enough seating available.



Police, firefighters, first responders, and health care workers — please wear your uniforms.

MSC Oktoberfest – October 13, 12:00-5:00 pm at the Reading Liederkranz. Hosted by and for the Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Enjoy an authentic German Oktoberfest at the #1 Oktoberfest in the U.S.!

Live Music and Dancing with the Josef Kroboth Band 1:00-4:00!

\$20 entrance fee online or at the door (\$10 for 10-17 – under 10 free) An outdoor celebration in a scenic, accessible grove with pavilion, open-air first-come seating, and scattered heaters if needed.

Authentic German Food and Beer ordered by guests at cash/credit food and beverage stands (see menu options online).

To purchase tickets, sponsor or donate, visit www.mscreading.org or email cwhitmoyer@mscreading.org. A HIGHLY anticipated raffle of high-value and mission-related items! Something for everyone!



Do you wish to donate some of your time to help newcomers in our community? If so, the Mother Veronica Resource Center, an adult education ministry of the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters in Reading, is in need of instructors – 1) to teach basic and intermediate computer classes during the daytime, 2) English as a Second Language (ESL) – day or evening, and 3) Citizenship Preparation – day or evening. Anyone who might want to volunteer as a substitute instructor is welcome as well. For more information, please contact Sister CaraGarofalo at 484-706-3570 or at mveronicacenter@gmail.com. Thank you!

Gethsemane Cemetery is proud to announce we are participating in Wreaths Across America this year. Wreaths Across America helps to coordinate veteran wreath laying ceremonies at cemeteries across the United States, providing almost 3 million wreaths last year. Cemeteries only receive the number of wreaths that are sponsored, so in order to ensure all our veterans receive a wreath this year, Gethsemane Cemetery needs your help to reach the goal of 5000 wreaths. Please visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/PA0893 to sponsor wreaths or visit gethsem.com or call 610-929-2613 for more information. Additional information on volunteer opportunities and dates will be announced."

Compassion and the love of knitting/crocheting have been combined into a prayerful ministry and spiritual practice which reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace, as well as in celebration and joy. Many blessings are prayed into every stitch as the shawl maker begins with prayers and blessings for the recipient. The intentions are continued throughout the creation of the shawl and upon completion, a final blessing is offered before the shawl is sent on its way.



HGA's Prayer Shawl Ministry will provide shawls or lap blankets to anyone who would like one; they do not have to be a member of our parish. If you know someone who would like the comfort of a shawl or lap blanket, please contact Pat Hansbury (at 610-698-4327 or phansbury16@gmail.com).