

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 − Mon.-Thur. 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Fri. 9:00am-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 Prechtl, 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.

Local Safe Environment Coordinator

Dagmara Chropak 610-921-2729, ext. 2201 or email dchrobak@hgaparish.com

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 P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538 610-871-5200, ext. 2204 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, October 28
Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

8:00 am John Korch

Tuesday, October 29

8:00 am Jeremy Carroll, requested by Anne and Dave Carroll

Wednesday, October 30

8:00 Amanda Tangredi, requested by Mom & Dad

Thursday, October 31

8:00 am Frances Cronan, requested by Theresa and Brett

6:30 pm (All Saints Vigil) Darlene Terefenko, requested by Marilyn and John Mackey

Friday, November 1 All Saints

8:00 am Edward B. Clark, requested by Cathy and Tony Wiencek

9:30 am (School Mass) Al Kuberski, requested by his wife **12:10 pm Lawrence O'Boyle**, requested by Helen O'Boyle and family

Saturday, November 2 All Souls

9:00 am (Chapel) The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Sunday, November 3 The Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday

5:00 pm Vigil (Live-Stream) William Hains, requested by family

Sunday

8:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners

9:45 am Holy Name Society

11:30 am Special Intention, requested by Joe and Ann Marie Novak

SANCTUARY LAMP & CANDLE INTENTIONS Week of October 27, 2024

Sanctuary Lamp in Church: Living and Deceased Parishioners. Sanctuary Candle in Chapel: Living and Deceased Parishioners. Blessed Mother Candles: Living and Deceased Parishioners. St. Joseph Candles: In Memory of Lawrence O'Boyle, requested by Helen O'Boyle and Family; Living and Deceased Parishioners. Guardian Angels: Living and Deceased Parishioners. Anyone who would like to sponsor a lamp or candle for a week may stop by the Rectory Office.



Padre's Piece The Saints St. Gabriel the Archangel

Feast Day: September 29th
The Patron Saint of messengers, telecommunication workers, postal workers

St. Gabriel is an angel who serves as a messenger for God to certain people. He is one of the three archangels. Gabriel is mentioned in both the Old and the New Testaments of the Bible. First, in the Old Testament, Gabriel appears to the prophet Daniel to explain his visions. Gabriel is described as, "one who looked like man," as he interprets Daniel's visions. He speaks to Daniel while he is sleeping. After Gabriel's first visit, Daniel becomes tired and sick for days. Gabriel later visits Daniel again providing him with more insight and understanding in an answered prayer.

In the New Testament, Gabriel, described as "an angel of the Lord," first appears to Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist. He tells him, "Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth." Luke 1:13.

After Elizabeth conceived and was six months pregnant, Gabriel appears again. The Book of Luke states he was sent from God to Nazareth to visit the virgin married to a man named Joseph. Gabriel said to Mary, "Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women." Luke 1:28.



The flowers at the crucifix are given for the Intentions of Fr. James Harper, by his parents.

The Blessed Virgin Mary's Floral Rosary is in memory of Jennifer Toplak given by a friend.

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, Diana Larruiz. Names will remain on the list for one month.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Eph 2:19-22 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Lk 6:12-16 Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles Tuesday Eph 5:21-33 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Lk 13:18-21 Wednesday Eph 6:1-9 Ps 145:10-11 12-13ab

Wednesday Eph 6:1-9 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 Lk 13:22-30

Thursday Eph 6:10-20 Ps 144:1B, 2, 9-10 Lk 13:31-35

Friday Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a

Saturday Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Rom 6:3-9 Jn 6:37-40 All Saints Day

Sunday Dt 6:2-6 Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 Heb 7:23 -28 Mk 12:28b-34 All Souls Day

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

For a while the watchword was simple: "Don't leave home without your cell phone." But now there is a codicil: "You'll need your GPS." The letters stand for "Global Positioning System" a once military property that tells you not only where you are, but also how to get to somewhere else. It removes the fear of getting lost. I for one am grateful for this technology and the clever people who developed it. I do have to say that some of the technology available now urges believers to put restraint on certain technology that violates Christian moral teachings when it comes to some life issues. I'm glad to have a map and a voice to accompany it, but I and we must push back any technology that favors matters like abortion and euthanasia.

We read in Mark's gospel today about a physically handicapped man living at a time with no technology at hand to bring healing from blindness. But Jesus brought complete healing. So now what should the man do? He decides to follow his healer on the way. "The way" at that time was the name our earliest Christian ancestors described their new religion. So, St. Mark brings a new dimension to the story. It changes from a "healing story" to a "call story." In other words, the man didn't just pick up his former lifestyle, that of an ordinary sighted person. This might have meant pursuing a career in a given field. No, what Bartimaeus decided on was to follow Jesus to wherever that led. Complete trust of the kind we poor sinners can only strive for in hope.

A detail we might miss but caught by certain commentators is the fact that the "garment" or "cloak" Bartimaeus threw away just may have been the cloth he used to spread before him to collect people's offerings as they passed him.

It suggests that Bartimaeus was leaving behind "the old order." That's exactly what we're called to do, for example, after we have made a good confession.

We first face the fact that every sin we commit, small or big, venial or mortal, involves a certain degree of temporary "blindness." We had forgotten to see or chose not to see God's way. "There are none so blind as those who will not see." The wonderful Sacrament of Reconciliation, or Penance, or Confession (the names describe the same sacrament) is the cure. The Holy Spirit provides direction for us in our newly forgiven hearts and souls. Even before receiving the sacramental grace, we know the name of "the way." We just need to recheck those directions we need to get there. I suggest here and now a new meaning for the letters "GPS," namely: "God Provides for Sinners." There's an old hymn about that very truth that Bartimaeus would have liked:

"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost and now am found, Was blind but now I see."

God love you and give you His peace.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

<u>Sunday, October 27</u> - Mass 8:00 am, 9:45 am and 11:30 am; Confession 7:15 am, 9:20 am, and 11:05 am

<u>Monday, October 28</u> - Mass 8:00 am; Spanish Marriage Prep 6:00 pm; Finance Council Meeting 6:30 pm; Girl Scouts Meeting 6:30 pm

<u>Tuesday, October 29</u> - Mass 8:00 am; OCIA Symbolon Series, Topic: His Only Son, Our Lord, 6:30 pm; Adult Rec Basketball 7:00 pm

<u>Wednesday, October 30</u> - Mass 8:00 am; Confessions 8:30 am; Adoration 8:30 am until Benediction at 6:00 pm; Confessions 5:30 pm

<u>Thursday, October 31</u> - Mass 8:00 am; Legion of Mary 6:30 pm; All Saints Vigil Mass 6:30 pm; BSA Troop 161 6:30 pm; Halloween Lottery 7:00 pm

<u>Friday, November 1</u> - First Friday Devotions; All Saints Day Mass 8:00 am, 9:30 am (School Mass) and 12:10 pm; LCCSA Meeting 8:00 pm

<u>Saturday, November 2</u> - Confession 4:15 pm; Vigil Mass 5:00 pm (live-streamed)

Sunday, November 3 - Mass 8:00 am, 9:45 am 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 at 12:30 pm, 1st Game Called at 2:00 pm; Youth Ministry Gathering 4:30 pm; BSA Troop 161 Committee Meeting 6:00 pm



Upcoming order dates: November 3rd & 17th

Last weekend of Bonus Fest is here! Earn big with 3-day bonuses.

Things to know:

- Bonuses start at 12:00 am ET Friday and end at 11:59 pm ET Sunday.
- Offers will be announced each Friday via email and on Facebook.
- All gift card types are included (eGift cards, physical cards, and money added to reloadable cards).
- Stock up on low denomination gift cards for holiday gift giving. Popular brands like Dick's Sporting Goods, Starbucks, CVS and Amazon are the perfect fit for everyone on your list!
- 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.

LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 1 THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS					
	Mon. 6:30 pm	Tues. 8:00 am	Tues. 12:10 pm		
Lector	Kevin Kleckner	Ann Marie Botch	Kevin Tobias		
EM	Anne Marie Ferguson Cathy Moyer	Diane Choiniere Marge Collins	Cindy Heimbach Patrick Holland		

SERVER/LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE - NOVEMBER 2-3						
	5:00 pm	8:00 am	9:45 am	11:30 am		
Servers	Madelyn Glessner Patrick Manczak Meredith Swavely	Nate Holland William Johns Sophia Lezette	Dane Prechtl Marcus Rundle Mikaela Schmeck	Collin Kroenig Evan Kroenig Lia Martina Laceda		
Lector	Barbara Aregood	Fran Krotulski	Jim Harper	Sherry Gonzalez		
EM	Diane Choiniere Marge Collins	George Lehman Frank Ligenza	Diane Collins Cathie Wiencek	Georjean Jones Martha Weida		

The St. Vincent de Paul Weekly News

Stocking the Shelves - Canned Goods

During the month of October, SVdP is asking for donations of the following supplies:

- Canned Goods
- Vegetables
- Fruits
- Beans
- Chunky-Style Soup
- Pasta & Jarred Sauce
- Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly

Throughout the month of November, we will be collecting new and used blankets (twin and full size) to assist Hope Rescue Mission as they strive to keep the homeless warm throughout the winter. See the flyer in today's bulletin for details.

Mark your calendars! St. Vincent de Paul has partnered with the Parish Nurses to offer a Health Fair on Sunday, November 10th. The fair will include blood pressure screenings, health information, a FREE continental breakfast, and the Miller-Keystone Blood Mobile! Two ways to give life-saving blood - schedule your bloodmobile time slot (check here in the coming weeks for the link needed) or simply stop by after Mass.

"Always, the hand of God is outstretched for those who wish to clasp it." – St. Vincent de Paul

All Saints Day A Holy Day of Obligation

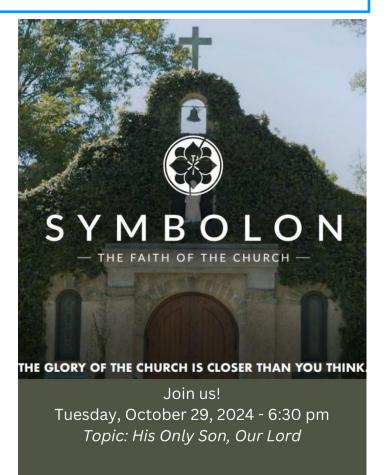


Mass Times
Thursday, October 31st - 6:30 pm (Vigil)
Friday, November 1st
8:00 am
9:30 am (School Mass)
12:10 pm

First Friday Devotions Friday, November 1 All Saints Day

7:00 am Exposition 7:00-7:40 am Confessions 7:45 am Benediction 8:00 am All Saints Day Mass





Culture of Life Meeting

All are welcome to attend the Culture of Life meeting on Thursday, November 7th at 6:30pm in the Small Meeting Room in the Rectory Basement. For more information, please call Julie Hartman at juliehartman80@gmail.com

There is no BINGO this Sunday, Oct. 27th. Please join us on Sunday, Nov. 3rd! DOORS OPEN 12:30, 1ST GAME CALLED 2:00 PM



JACKPOT - \$650 IN 57 NUMBERS!

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!

REMINDERS!

- Last Chance! Halloween Lottery tickets now on sale! \$2 donation for 10 chances to win \$1,000 on October 31st.
- If you or a loved one is a Veteran and would like to have their name included in the special Veteran's Day bulletin Insert - please call the Rectory Office at 610-921-2729, ext. 2200 by November 6th to submit your information.
- All are welcome on the holiday bus trip hosted by the HGA Seniors on Tuesday, December 19, 2024 to the American Music Theater to see "JOY TO THE WORLD!" Please call Rozanne Thompson at 610-406-3350 to save your seat today!
- If you would like to have a loved one enrolled in the Memorial Mass Society (6 Masses in the Year - 4 weekday and 2 weekend), please call or stop by the Rectory during regular business hours. Forms are located at all church entrances to fill out beforehand.
- Like us on Facebook to stay up-to-date on all things HGA. Search HGA Parish.
- Subscribe to our YouTube channel @hgaparish to see Father Hoffa's, "Wednesday Walking with the Word" Series each week.



STEWARDSHIP	October 20, 2024	
WEEKLY	\$8,917.00	
LOOSE	\$305.00	
CANDLES	\$151.00	
EMERGENCY	\$375.00	
MORTGAGE	\$115.00	
MAINTENANCE	\$246.00	
ONLINE GIVING	\$3,702.00	
WORLD MISSIONS	\$1,657.00	
TOTAL	\$15,468.00	

A Parishioner's Prayer

My Parish is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am.

It will be holy, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will be prayerful, if I pray.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring others to worship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity and mercy if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all things that I want my parish to be.

Amen.

Special Collection for Hurricane Relief

The 2nd collection this weekend will be to aid in the recovery efforts following the devastating hurricanes in Florida.

The funds raised for this purpose will be administered through the Bishops' Emergency Disaster Fund, which will work with Catholic Charities USA for the distribution of

the monies. This is a cash collection; no special envelope will be provided. You may also scan the QR code to make an offering online with Parish Giving. Thank you!





SAVE THE DATE! SAT., DEC. 7 * 9AM-2PM

OVER 50VENDORS • SHOPPING • FOOD • RAFFLES





Cocktail Hour

Dinner Buffet

Guest Speakers Live Music

Couple Portraits
Wine Bottle Favors

allentowndiocese.org/date-night contact: rtulloch@allentowndiocese.org





FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING
October 28

CYO SPELLING BEE
October 29

HGARS DINE OUT AT CHIPOTLE
October 30

HALLOWEEN LOTTERY

October 31

YOUTH MNIISTRY GATHERING
November 3

CYO MEETING
November 4

HEALING MASS
November 6

PEN TO PAPER MEETING
November 6

CULTURE OF LIFE MEETING
November 7

HEALTH FAIR & BLOOD DRIVE

November 10



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THE CATHOLIC FAITH.

The Catholic Take on Halloween: Remembering the Dead and Celebrating the Saints | Catholic Saints

Remembering the dead in purgatory, celebrating the Saints, and the Catholic perspective on Halloween.





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 Prechtl, Head of School at kelpre@hgaschool.org or by calling 610-929-4124.

Please consider attending our October Dine Out Event at Chipotle (Muhlenberg Township Location) on Wednesday, October 30 from 4-8pm. Show our flier or use code AC22B9T when ordering online. Thank you for your support!

Save the Date:

- Picture Retake Day- Tuesday, October 29
- Winter Uniform Begins- Friday, November 1
- 12pm Early Dismissal- Tuesday, November 5

CYO NEWS

Registration for Winter Sports is now open! Sign up for Cheerleading, Boys Basketball, and Girls Basketball. NEW! Cheerleading will be open to 3rd & 4th Grade Girls as well as 5th-8th Grade Girls! Visit www.hgaparish.com/cyo to register and pay online today!





Upcoming PREP Dates

November 3rd

November 10th-PREP Sunday

November 17th

PREP meets from 8:15am-9:30am at the school.

Thank you Pamela Iswalt, Molly Farina, Valentina Cancilla, and Hayden Siefert for assisting in the liturgy in the PREP Sunday Mass.

If you are interested in sacraments for yourself or your child, please Contact Kari Mallozzi at 610-921-2729, ext. 2203.



SAINTS AND SCHOLARS







THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER HELP KEEP THE HOMELESS WARM

YOUR DONATIONS OF NEW/GENTLY USED TWIN OR FULL BLANKETS WILL BENEFIT HOPE RESCUE MISSION

LAUNDRY BASKETS WILL BE AT ALL ENTRANCES TO RECEIVE YOUR DONATED BLANKETS.

Thank you!



Divorce Recovery Support Group

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 November 2nd. For information call 505 688-8663.

Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., will be on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Diocesan Pilgrimage



tradition to Mary's House is typically held every four years. More information will be forthcoming for individuals, parishes, and schools.

Email pilgrimage@allentowndiocese.org or call 610-921-2729, ext. 2205.

