



## 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 Precht, 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  
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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, October 7**  
**Our Lady of the Rosary**

8:00 am Mario DeSantis, requested by Sue DeSantis

**Tuesday, October 8**

8:00 am Intentions of Barabara Aregood, requested by Laura and Jeff Wilson

**Wednesday, October 9**  
**St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs;**  
**St. John Leonardi, Priest**

8:00 For Schulty and Messer Families, requested by the Harold and Sharen Messer

**Thursday, October 10**

8:00 am Pat Sheldon, requested by Anne and Tom Semmel

**Friday, October 11**  
**St. John XXIII, Pope**

8:00 am Mothers Day Intentions

9:30 am (School Mass) Mary Hehn, requested by Helen O'Boyle

**Sunday, October 13**  
**The Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Saturday**

5:00 pm Vigil (Live-Stream) Les White, requested by Julie Hartman

**Sunday**

8:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners

9:45 am Bob Smith, requested by Nancy Smith

11:30 am Alfred Alvine, requested by the Alvine Family

**SANCTUARY LAMP & CANDLE INTENTIONS**  
**Week of October 6, 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:** 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.**



## Padre's Piece

### The Book of Zechariah

The Book of Zechariah, because of its great variation in style, content, and language, is widely believed to be a composite work. Made up of First Zechariah (chaps. 1–8) and Second Zechariah (chaps. 9–14), the book has been attributed to at least two different prophets. The prophecies of First Zechariah can be dated to the late sixth century B.C., contemporary with those of Haggai; the oracles of Second Zechariah are somewhat later.

The most striking feature of First Zechariah is a series of visions in which the prophet describes the centrality of Jerusalem, its Temple, and its leaders, who function both in the politics of the region and of the Persian empire and in God's universal rule. These visions clearly relate to the Temple restoration begun in 520 B.C.

The prophecies of First Zechariah can be divided into three literary units. A brief introductory unit links the prophecies of chaps. 1–8 with those of Haggai. The visionary unit consists of seven visionary images plus an associated vision dealing with the high priest Joshua. The third unit consists of two parts: (1) an address to a delegation sent from Bethel in anticipation of the end of the seventy years of exile; (2) a series of oracles seven oracles dealing with the restoration of Judah and Zion, followed by three oracles of hope concerning Judah and the nations.

Second Zechariah draws heavily on the words and ideas of earlier biblical prophets. The prophet is acutely aware of the devastation that comes from disobedience to God's word, as had been spoken by God's prophetic emissaries. Yet, it was now clear in this century after the rebuilding of the Temple and the repatriation of many of the exiles, that Judah would not soon regain political autonomy and a Davidic king. So the various poems, narratives, oracles, and parables of Second Zechariah maintain the hope of previous prophets by depicting a glorious eschatological restoration. At that time all nations will recognize Jerusalem's centrality and acknowledge God's universal sovereignty.



The flowers at the Blessed Virgin Mary's Altar and the St. Joseph Altar are in memory of Andrew and Anne O'Pake given by the Malinowski Family.

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 Shiffner, 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** Gal 1:6-12 Ps 111:1B-2, 7-8, 9 and 10C Lk 10:25-37 Our Lady of the Rosary

**Tuesday** Gal 1:13-24 Ps 139:1B-3, 13-14AB, 14C-15 Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday** Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Lk 11:1-4 St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

**Thursday** Gal 3:1-5 Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 Lk 11:5-13

**Friday** Gal 3:7-14 Ps 111:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 11:15-26 St. John XXIII, Pope

**Saturday** Gal 3:22-29 Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Lk 11:27-28

**Sunday** Wis 7:7-11 Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Heb 4:12-13 Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

### Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

If I write or say the word “convention” at this time you can’t be blamed for conjuring up images of noisy political gatherings two of which we just lived through in this presidential election year. But there is another, less often used version of the word, in the sense of “an established custom. It is something that is generally accepted, something that members of society can agree on. Conventions usually develop because they are useful in some way, but after a time they often become restrictive and oppressive.

Such is the case with religious history. There has been a persistent thread of what we could call “puritanism” throughout. It has had names like “Gnosticism and Dualism.” These lead to the idea that the whole purpose in life is to escape from matter, especially sexuality, which ties us down to the material. It is essential for us to know that authentic biblical Christianity, Catholicism for sure, is NOT puritanical.

Bluntly put, there is nothing evil about our bodies, or sex, or sexual longing, or the sexual act. All matter is basically good, because it is created by an all-good God. When Jesus is asked about marriage and divorce, He proposes the context and the ideal for sexual expression in a lifelong union of man and woman. He stresses that this is the divine plan.

That alone is a direct contradiction of what our present-day culture holds as a “convention.” Sex and sexual expression are to be indulged in whenever the impulse strikes, with no acknowledgment of a divine plan. It can be engaged in with a same-sex partner as well as one of the opposite sex. It does not require any approval by an outside source, namely the Church and State. Nor is it to be understood as a holy calling endorsed by the Holy Spirit and one of the seven holy sacraments.

Obviously, with such a widespread “convention” accepted by the majority, one will be held in contempt for holding the opposite. As a result, our Christian belief is made a fit subject for mockery.

The ideal of lifelong marital union clashes with the sad reality of divorce. Our Church understands this and works to help those who may be “trapped,” as it were, in a certain marital relationship. While bound to Christ’s teaching, she may be able to find reasons for such unions not having been sacramental from the start, and she can annul them. But such annulments are not “Catholic divorce.” Meanwhile, it is incumbent on the older married generation to make sure that the younger generation understands the seriousness of preparing to take marriage vows, all the while setting an example of how to keep them over time. That is a very worthwhile “convention.”

Admittedly people living the marital vocation must face challenges. That’s part of our human condition. But we believers know that we do not face such challenges alone. Christ walks with all of us on our life’s journey. He promised as much... In this context, that is a Christian “convention.”

Here are two less serious but helpful quotes about marriage to end this reflection: “Marriage is the union of a person who never remembers anniversaries with one who never forgets them.” -Ogden Nash, poet

“Before you marry a person you should first make them use a computer with slow internet to see who they really are.” – Will Ferrel, comedian

God love you and give you His peace.

## FEAST WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Sunday, October 6** - 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 12:30 pm, 1st Game Called at 2:00 pm; BSA Troop 161 Committee Meeting 6:00 pm

**Monday, October 7** - Mass 8:00 am; Spanish Marriage Prep 6:00 pm; CYO Meeting 6:00 pm; Girl Scouts Meeting 6:30 pm

**Tuesday, October 8** - Mass 8:00 am; CYO Cross Country Practice 4:00 pm; CYO VB Practice 4:00 pm; HSA Meeting 6:00 pm; HeavenBound 6:30 pm; OCIA Symbolon Series, Topic: I Believe in God, the Father Almighty, 6:30 pm; Adult Rec Basketball 7:00 pm

**Wednesday, October 9** - Mass 8:00 am; Adoration 8:30 am to Benediction at 6:00 pm; Confession 8:30 am & 5:15 pm; Senior Club Meeting 1:00 pm; CYO Cross Country Practice 4:00 pm

**Thursday, October 10** - Mass 8:00 am; CYO Cross Country Practice 4:00 pm; CYO VB Practice 4:00 pm; Legion of Mary 6:30 pm; Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm; BSA Troop 161 6:30 pm

**Friday, October 11** - Mass 8:00 am; School Mass 9:30 am; Closing Mass for the Eucharistic Rosary Congress 6:00 pm; LCCSA Meeting 8:00 pm

**Saturday, October 12** - Confession 4:14 pm; Vigil Mass 5:00 pm (live-streamed)

**Sunday, October 13** - 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 12:30 pm, 1st Game Called at 2:00 pm; CYO Varsity VB v. St. Catherine's (with JV to follow) 4:45 pm



### Upcoming order dates:

**Due: October 6 - pick up October 12-13**

**Due: October 20 - pick up October 26-27**

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.

Bonus Fest is here! Earn big with 4 weekends of 3-day bonuses. Bonus Fest is coming October 4–27, which means big earning opportunities!



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).

### SERVER/LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE - OCTOBER 12-13

	5:00 pm	8:00 am	9:45 am	11:30 am
<b>Servers</b>	Dominic Delgado Patrick Manczak Meredith Swavely	William Johns Sophia Lezette <i>Volunteer Needed</i>	Carlos Flood Marcus Rundle Mikaela Schmeck	Matthew Glembocki Lia Martina Laceda Dane Prechtl
<b>Lector</b>	Barbara Aregood	Caroline Reber	Theresa Quitinsky	Sherry Gonzalez
<b>EM</b>	Diane Choiniere Marge Collins	George Lehman Frank Ligenza	Diane Collins Cathy Moyer	Kelli Glembocki Georjean Jones



# The St. Vincent de Paul Weekly News

## Stocking the Shelves – Canned Goods

Throughout October, St. Vincent de Paul of HGA Parish is partnering with St. Joseph’s Food Pantry and Boy Scout Troop 161’s Scouting for Food Program. By working with both organizations, we will be able to assist even more people in the community who are struggling with food insecurity.

We started the Stocking the Shelves initiative, hoping that by focusing our efforts each month on a specific community need, we could assist. You not only heard our call for help, but you responded to that call with giving hearts each and every month! Thank you!

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. Be assured that all communications will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

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

Angelorum, the Women's Choir of the Diocese of Allentown, under the direction of Beverly McDevitt, will perform at Notre Dame of Bethlehem Church on Sunday, October 27, at 3 pm. United by our deep faith and love for God, we have been blessed with the gift of music. Together, we strive to share these gifts, offering our voices to spread the message of God's infinite love, presence, and mercy to all who are open to hear it." Please join us as we present our favorite hymns honoring our Blessed Mother and her most precious Son. Visit our website <https://angelorumvoices.com> or listen to our music on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/@angelorumvoices>. For more information, contact Bev McDevitt at [bevmcdevitt1@gmail.com](mailto:bevmcdevitt1@gmail.com)

**SYMBOLON**  
— THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH —

**THE GLORY OF THE CHURCH IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK.**

Join us!  
Tuesday, October 8, 2024 - 6:30 pm  
Topic: *I Believe in God, the Father Almighty*

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10/18/24  
5:00PM  
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**THANK YOU!**

**BINGO this Sunday, 10/6!**  
**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!

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.



**SACRED HEART CHURCH IN WEST READING JOB OPPORTUNITY**

Come work with us! Sacred Heart Parish is seeking a highly organized and detail-oriented individual to serve as our Part-time Church Secretary up to 29 hours a week. The ideal candidate will have excellent people and computer skills, be able to multi-task, and have knowledge of the Catholic faith. For more job information please email: [activity@shrcparish.org](mailto:activity@shrcparish.org)

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.

LAST WEEK *Collection* ©JPPC

STEWARDSHIP	SEPTEMBER 29
WEEKLY	\$8,559.80
LOOSE	\$841.11
CANDLES	\$193.00
EMERGENCY	\$80.00
MORTGAGE	\$98.00
MAINTENANCE	\$40.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$2,053.00
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL	\$2,867.00
CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA	\$1,704.00
OTHER	\$50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,485.91</b>



**Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2024!**  
 Please keep them in your prayers.

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Leah Achenbach           | GavinTarnoski      |
| Aubrey Albu              | Giavanna Thompson  |
| Leonardo Bo              | Alexandra Zellers  |
| Yamilee Cobos            | Carter Burr        |
| Alexandra Coley          | Brielle Collins    |
| Dina Flynn               | Laura Djevharian   |
| Anthony Frutos-Morales   | Tobias Gigliotti   |
| Santiago Garces-Suarez   | Madaline Greene    |
| Madelyn Glessner         | William Johns      |
| Maximilian Kazimierowicz | Cameron LeClair    |
| Avery Keller             | Lia Martina Laceda |
| Luis Mejia               | Lexi Moore         |
| Jason Nguyen             | Sophia Nunez       |
| Elaine Rubert            | Steven Quintero    |
| Giancarlo Sabatucci      | Alli Reinhart      |
| Alison Schearer          | Emma Solomon       |
| Mikaela Schmeck          | Austin Yoder       |
| Riley Schuenemann        | Nicholas Wentzel   |
| Shayla Sullivan          |                    |



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ON DEMAND.



**The Last Days**

The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ

BASED ON THE GOSPELS  
OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

**The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ w/ Jonathan Roumie**

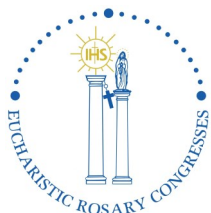
This filmed presentation of the theatrical production movingly recreates the final moments of Jesus' earthly ministry as a teacher through His crucifixion and death. The play has been seen by thousands worldwide, not only as a live performance but also in live streams and televised broadcasts.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
Visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.  
Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



**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 after the 5:00 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, October 5 at Holy Guardian Angels Chapel and continue 24/7 through Friday, October 11th.

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

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



The HGA Culture of Life Group invites you to Stand Up for Life & Liberty at the Berks County Life Chain - Sunday, October 6, 2024, 3:00-4:00 pm on Penn Avenue in West Reading.

For more information or details, please contact Julie Hartman at 610-698-0046 or email to [juliehartman80@gmail.com](mailto:juliehartman80@gmail.com).

**Upcoming**  
EVENTS

**EUCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS  
PERPETUAL ADORATION**

*October 5 - October 11*

**CYO MEETING**

*October 7*

**HOME & SCHOOL MEETING**

*October 8*

**SENIOR CLUB MEETING**

*October 9*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING**

*October 16*

**CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING**

*October 17*

**ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

*October 19 & 20*

**iWorship**

*October 20*

**HGARS TRUNK OR TREAT**

*October 23*

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](mailto:mveronicacenter@gmail.com). Thank you!





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](mailto: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.-1 p.m.). Your donation also enables you to register to win a \$100 Boscov's Gift Card. Visit [holyguardianangelsregionalschool.square.site](http://holyguardianangelsregionalschool.square.site) call 610-929-4124 or email [development@hgaschool.org](mailto:development@hgaschool.org) to reserve your pass for \$5 today!!

Support HGA Regional School Students and Faculty by purchasing chances to win an amazing Halloween Family Fun Basket at [go.rallyup.com/hgaocthsaraffle](http://go.rallyup.com/hgaocthsaraffle) from October 7-24. The winner will be drawn on Friday, October 25!

**Save the Date:**

- Home and School Association General Meeting and Gently Used Uniform Sale- Tuesday, October 8 5pm
- HGA Night at Duncan Corn Maze-Friday, October 11
- No School- Monday, October 14
- Trunk or Treat- Wednesday, October 23



**PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)**

We meet at the school from 8:15am-9:30am. Meeting dates for the month:

- October 6th
- October 13th PREP Sunday
- October 20th

**Sacramental News**

All Seventh graders in HGA school and PREP program, there will be a parent/student meeting in the church on October 17th at 6PM to discuss the sacrament of confirmation for 2025. Please plan to attend or call the religious education office with any questions or concerns.

**HeavenBound ( a sacramental makeup program for children in grades 8th-12th grades)**

We meet in the rectory basement meeting rooms from 6:30-7:45pm. Meeting dates for the month:

- October 8th
- October 15th
- October 22nd

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

**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](http://www.hgaparish.com/cyo) to register and pay online today!

**FOLLOW US!**



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I/We give to the CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA \_\_\_% of my estate to support the Holy Guardian Angels Regional School Endowment Fund.

For more information contact: Megan McGrath Bermudez (610)929-4124





# OCT. COLLECTION

Throughout October, St. Vincent de Paul of HGA Parish is partnering with St. Joseph's Food Pantry as well as with Boy Scout Troop 161's Scouting for Food Program.

By working with both organizations, we will be able to assist even more people in the community that are struggling with food insecurity.



## What's Needed

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

**Oktoberfest benefitting****Our Lady's Helpers!** Enjoy

traditional Oktoberfest food, apple cider, cash bar (beer & wine), live music by Robbie

Lawrence and the Steel-

workers, dancing, stein holding contents, tricky tray, and silent auction. Proceeds will aid in the support of a mobile ultrasound unit, pregnancy care, and education.

Saturday, October 19th 6:00-10:00 pm at St. Cthaarine of Siena Parish, 1825 W. Turner St., Allentown, PA. Welcoming comments by the Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, Bishop of Allentown. Be the lucky table selected to dine with Bishop Schlert during Oktoberfest! Buy a table of ten (\$650) or per person tickets (\$65).

For tickets, email [OurLadysHelpers@proton.me](mailto:OurLadysHelpers@proton.me). For more information about the organization visit [www.ourladyshelpers.org](http://www.ourladyshelpers.org)



**4th Annual Harvest Craft Fair benefitting the Muhlenberg Community Library** - Saturday, October 19th 8:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Free entry! Enjoy over 50 craft vendors, raffles, and delicious food for purchase including soups, tacos, baked goods, BBQ, haluski and much more!



Catholic men of the Diocese of Allentown, we invite you to renew and strengthen your faith at our annual Men's Conference on October 19th at St. Joseph the Worker Church, Orefield from 8am-3pm. Embrace the mission of the Church and deepen your relationship with God through a powerful day of community, Sacraments, and talks from nationally renowned speakers. We are excited to equip you with the tools you need to go forth as Catholic men, invigorated in the fire of the Holy Spirit! Our special guest speakers are Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and Father Wade Menezes, who will help us to respond to our call live out virtuous masculinity. Contact: Mark McDevitt, [markmcd@outlook.com](mailto:markmcd@outlook.com).

Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist (OLME) invites you to take some time apart from your busyness, and attend one of our two special Time Apart retreats where you will be introduced to the Church's rich heritage of praying with the Sacred Word of God, as well as praying the universal prayer of the Catholic Church, the Liturgy of the Hours. The OLME retreats include daily Mass, an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the gift of an atmosphere of silence, as well as ample time for prayer and reflection before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Retreat Dates: November 22 – 24, 2024, at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center (White Post, VA) Cost is \$295 or if paid by 10/15 \$275 and January 10 – 12, 2025, at the Ave Maria Retreat House, Doylestown, PA. Cost is \$295 or if paid by 11/30 \$275. Call 610-582-3333 or email [olme@olme.org](mailto:olme@olme.org) to register.