

a day of  
national tribute  
to the  
contributions  
workers have  
made to the  
strength,  
prosperity, and  
well-being of our  
great country

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday Vigil - 5:00 pm**  
**Sunday - 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 am**  
**Daily Mass 8:00 am Monday-Friday**

**Confession**

**Wednesdays 8:30-9:00 am & 5:15-5:45 pm**  
**Saturdays 4:15-4:45 pm**  
**Sundays 7:15-7:45; 9:20-9:35, & 11:05-11:20am**

**Adoration**

**Wednesdays 8:30 am - 6:00 pm**

**Rectory Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
 Fridays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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**Mission Statement**

“We, the parishioners of Holy Guardian Angels Parish united with the Catholic Church throughout the world, proclaim our belief in the message and mission of Jesus Christ. With the help of our Guardian Angels, we seek to live out that belief as a community of sacred worship, apostolic faith, and generous service where each member shares with others their God-given gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

**New Members**

Welcome to Holy Guardian Angels! Please call the Parish Office in order to register in our parish, or stop in during office hours. Please notify the office if you change your address or move away.

**Communion Calls**

Any shut-in parishioner who would like a monthly visit with Holy Communion should call the Rectory at 610-921-2729 to be added to the Communion Call List.

**Bulletin Submissions**

Deadline for submissions for Bulletin - Monday Noon. Please email notices to [bulletin@hgaparish.com](mailto:bulletin@hgaparish.com).

**Ministry to the Sick - Anointing of the Sick**

Visits to the hospital are made on a regular basis. Please notify the Parish Office when a parishioner is in the hospital or home and would like to receive communion or anointing of the sick. *The Sacrament of the Sick is available to all in need of healing.* PLEASE DO NOT WAIT until death is imminent to offer your loved one this grace. Visits can also be made to those parishioners who are homebound and would like to receive communion by Eucharistic Ministers or Father Hoffa.

**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. [www.hgaschool.org](http://www.hgaschool.org).

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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  
 P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538  
 610-871-5200, ext. 2204  
[prusso@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:prusso@allentowndiocese.org)

**SCAN ME**

## MASS Intentions

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

### Monday, September 2

8:00 am Ralph Elia, requested by Josephine and Vincenzo Elia

### Tuesday, September 3

#### St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

8:00 am Luigi Candelori, requested by Giacomo Morganti

### Wednesday, September 4

8:00 am Wayne Rohall, requested by the Rohall Family

### Thursday, September 5

#### St. Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin

8:00 am Irvin Lindinger, requested by the Giles Family

### Friday, September 6

#### First Friday

8:00 am Memorial Fund Members

9:30 am (School Mass) Rosalie Sabatucci, requested by Frank, Nicole, Abigail, Frank Jr., and Giancarlo

### Sunday, September 7

#### The Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday

5:00 pm Vigil (Live-Stream) Vincent and Mary Shemanski

Sunday

8:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners

9:45 am Maria and Richard Baker, requested by Pat and Stasia Baker

11:30 am Anne O'Pake, requested by the Malinowski Family

### SANCTUARY LAMP & CANDLE INTENTIONS Week of September 1, 2024

**Sanctuary Lamp in Church:** Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Sanctuary Candle in Chapel:** Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Blessed Mother Candles:** In Memory of Luigi Candelori, requested by the Candelori Family. **St. Joseph Candles:** Living and Deceased Parishioners. **Guardian Angels:** In Memory of Edward Kuberski, requested by the family. **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.**



**The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day. The office will re-open on Tuesday, September 3rd at 9:00 am.**

## Padre's Piece

### The Book of Micah

This book consists of a collection of speeches, proclamations of punishment and of salvation, attributed to the prophet Micah. Following its superscription, the book has two major sections, each with two parts.

Micah was a contemporary of the prophet Isaiah. The book's superscription places his prophetic activity during the reigns of three kings of Judah: Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah. It identifies him as a resident of Moresheth, a village in the Judean foothills. The solitary reference to Micah outside the book (Jer 26:17–18) places him in the reign of Hezekiah and reports that he went from his small town to proclaim the word of the Lord in the capital, and asserts that his announcements of judgment against Jerusalem moved the king and the people to repentance. Unlike Isaiah, who was a native of the holy city, Micah was an outsider from the countryside and must have been a controversial figure. He would have been unpopular with the leaders whom he condemned and the wealthy whom he criticized. He was quick to separate himself from priests and other prophets, whom he considered to be corrupt.

Just how much of the Book of Micah can be traced to the eighth-century prophet is uncertain. Tradition considers all of the words to be the recorded speeches of Micah, and some contemporary commentators agree. On the other hand, some modern scholars have thought of Micah as exclusively a prophet of doom, and therefore attributed as few as three of the seven chapters to him. The style, content, theological viewpoint, and historical perspective of some of the material reflect not the period of the Assyrian threat to Judah in the eighth century but the Babylonian exile in the sixth century B.C. and later.

Like Is 1–39, the Book of Micah is focused on Jerusalem, Zion, and the Judean leadership. The Micah who speaks in this prophetic book knows the tradition that Zion is the Lord's chosen place, but he is critical of the popular view that this election ensures the city's security. Through the prophetic voice, the Lord announces the impending punishment of God's people by means of military defeat and exile because of their failure to establish justice. After that punishment God will bring the people back to their land and establish perpetual peace. The will of God for human beings is that they do justice, love goodness, and walk humbly with God.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**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; BSA Troop 161 Committee Meeting

**Monday, September 2** - Labor Day; Rectory Office Closed; Mass 9:00 am (please note time change); LET Program 6:00 pm; Labor Day Lottery 7:00 pm

**Tuesday, September 3** - Mass 8:00 am; CYO VB Practice 4:00 pm; CYO XC Practice 4:00 pm; Adult Rec Basketball 7:00 pm

**Wednesday, September 4** - Healing 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; Rosary Rally 5:30 pm; Fall Catechetical Series 6:00 pm

**Thursday, September 5** - Mass 8:00 am; Fall Catechetical Series 9:00 am; CYO VB Practice 4:00 pm; CYO XC Practice 4:00 pm; Legion of Mary 6:30 pm; Culture of Life Meeting 6:30 pm; Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm; BSA Troop 161 6:30 pm

**Friday, September 6** - First Friday Devotions 7:00 am; Mass 8:00 am; School Mass with Grandparents 9:30 am; LCCSA Meeting 8:00 pm

**Saturday, September 7** - Confession 4:14 pm; Vigil Mass 5:00 pm (live-streamed); Stewardship Fair After Mass

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



*Angel Earnings*  
HGA GIFT CARD FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

**Upcoming order dates:**

**Due: September 8 -**

**Pick Up - September 14-15**

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## 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.

### SERVER/LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER 7 & 8

	5:00 pm	8:00 am	9:45 am	11:30 am
<b>Servers</b>	Dominic Delgado Christian Hendrix Noah Hendrix	Nate Holland Collin Kroenig Evan Kroenig	Elijah Kopp Dane Prechtl Cody Toplak	Carlos Flood Matthew Glembocki Mikaela Schmeck
<b>Lector</b>	Kevin Tobias	Caroline Reber	Carolyn Toplak	Wendy Freeman
<b>EM</b>	Mark Semprini Tina Semprini	Patrick Holland Frank Ligenza	Diane Collins (Sub Requested)	Kelli Glembocki 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, 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  
**Names will remain on the list for one month.**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday 1 Cor 2:1-5 Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 Lk 4:16-30  
Tuesday 1 Cor 2:10b-16 Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13AB, 13CD-14 Lk 4:31-37 St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church  
Wednesday 1 Cor 3:1-9 Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 Lk 4:38-44  
Thursday 1 Cor 3:18-23 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 5:1-11 St. Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin  
Friday 1 Cor 4:1-5 Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 Lk 5:33-39  
Saturday 1 Cor 4:6b-15 Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 Lk 6:1-5  
Sunday Is 35:4-7a Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 Jas 2:1-5 Mk 7:31-37

## Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

I'm sure that many of you have seen that disconcerting sign posted in many restrooms, especially in restaurants: "Employees must wash their hands before returning to duty." Or words to that effect. Is the possibility so real of restaurant employees not washing before going back to handling food? I suppose so. Just from what I have observed often enough of the non-washing of hands that occurs in men's rooms, I can understand why the sign.

For the observant Jews of Our Lord's time, ritual washing was a hallmark of their culture. As the guardians of that culture, our meticulous friends the Pharisees would justifiably pounce upon any miscreants. This whole matter must have struck people of other cultures as a peculiarity. Of course, back then nobody knew or even imagined the existence of something called "germs."

But the Pharisees mentioned in our gospel episode for today saw a chance to pose a loaded question to Jesus, hoping to label Him and His followers as "unclean." Little did they know with whom they were dealing. It took them a seemingly long time to catch on. In this instance, Our Lord made what for them may have been a somewhat startling observation: "Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile."

Now none of us were present at this scene, of course. But it doesn't strain our imaginations to picture the look on the Pharisees' faces. It was a combination of anger and resentment for being bested by a young rabbi from Nazareth of all places, with no formal credentials to claim. But this story is included in the gospels by the intent of the Holy Spirit for all of us who hear it in our particular space and time.'

We know all about the occasional presence in us of what has to be called "evil." Dark thoughts about others that manifest in rash judgment of them. Perverted imaginings in the sexual order. Even unexpressed anger against God. Or His Church. Or anything that we know deep down should have no place in our hearts. Especially if we want to be in sync with the Sacred Heart.

Moses had told the people of his time that observance of God's Law would give "evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations (Gentiles)." Our world at the present time needs our Christian evidence of wisdom and intelligence even if it first reacts with mockery and cynicism. When all is said and done, all of us want a fullness of life, free from guilt. We have the key to that life in the bible, especially in the gospels. I

This extended weekend we honor the goodness of work and those who do manual labor for a living. The witness of hands dirty from honest work certainly enhances creation. As does all human work. The cleansing of hands before coming up the aisle to receive the Holy Eucharist is a mark of our respect. But after Mass, it is a "hands on" approach to God's will that we acknowledge in praying the "Our Father" prayer that this civic holiday hints at to be spiritually alert and fully alive.

God love you and give you His peace.

# The St. Vincent de Paul Weekly News

**Helping Hands are needed to help those in need!** We are looking for volunteers to serve at the Soup Kitchen at Kennedy House on Saturday, Sept. 7th and Sunday, Sept. 8th from 10:00 am - 1:30 pm. If you are interested, please register by emailing [svdp@hgaparish.com](mailto:svdp@hgaparish.com).

If you are feeling the call to be of service to others but don't know how much time you can give, please don't let that stop you from thinking about becoming a member of SVdP! Whether you have just enough time to help sort our monthly Stocking the Shelves collection or you are able to head an outreach project, there is a place for you in our organization. EVERYTHING we do, no-matter how big or small, provides support, help, and comfort to those in need.

New members are always welcome to join The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of HGA Parish! Please call the parish or email us at [svdp@hgaparish.com](mailto:svdp@hgaparish.com).



**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](mailto:juliehartman80@gmail.com). God bless you, and please keep the lives of the unborn in your prayers.

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## The Blessed Virgin Mary's Floral Rosary is in Memory of Rosalia Huprich given by her family.

**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.**



**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](mailto:kmallozzi@hgaparish.com) or call 610-921-2729, ext. 2203.

**BANNS OF ORDINATION**

Mr. Timothy J. Ferguson, a member of Holy Guardian Angels, Reading, has been called to the Order of the Deacon by His Excellency, Alfred A. Schlert, D.D., Bishop of Allentown. Mr. Timothy J. Ferguson will be ordained at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown, on Saturday, the 14th day of September 2024.

**There is no BINGO this Sunday due to the Labor Day Holiday. Join us next Sunday, September 8th!**

**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!

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.

LAST WEEK *Collection* ©JPPC

STEWARDSHIP	AUGUST 25
WEEKLY	\$9,600.00
LOOSE	\$687.00
CANDLES	\$218.00
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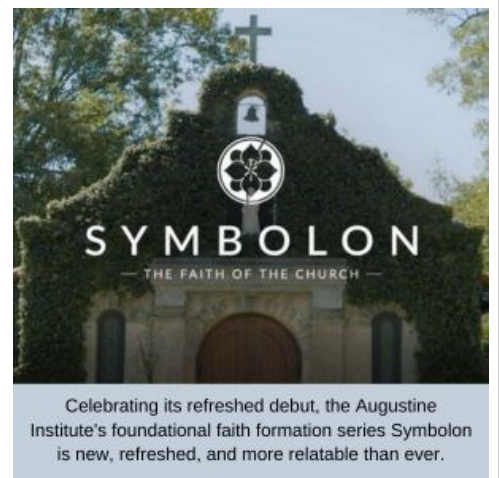
**HGA is hosting an OCIA Information Night on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the Rectory Basement Meeting Room.**

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults ("OCIA") formerly, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, ("RCIA"), is a series of liturgical rites and instructions designed to prepare adults gradually for full incorporation into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Initiation. The process involves fellowship, prayerful deliberation, and a period of formal education in the teachings, practices, and traditions of the Church.

Who is welcome to enter OCIA?

- Persons who have not received any or all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist).
- Members of Christian communions who desire to know more about Jesus Christ as He is pro-claimed, celebrated, and lived in the Catholic Church.
- Fully initiated Catholics who want to refresh their understanding and commitment to the Catholic faith. Many "Cradle Catholics" and seasoned "converts" have found the OCIA to be very helpful in their own formation; some of these avail themselves as "sponsors" who accompany people on their journey to full sacramental initiation. By their participation, parishioners show that OCIA is a parish-wide celebration.
- Anyone eager to continue the journey of faith.

For more information or if you have any questions regarding OCIA, please contact Kari Mallozzi, Director of Religious Education and Evangelization at 610-921-2729, ext. 2203 or email [kmallozzi@hgaparish.com](mailto:kmallozzi@hgaparish.com).





**LAST CALL FOR LABOR DAY LOTTERY TICKETS!** After Masses this weekend is your **final chance to get your tickets!** A \$2 Donation gets you 10 chances to win \$1,000! If your number matches the Evening Pick-4 on September 2nd - you win!

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**EVENTS**

**LABOR DAY LOTTERY**  
*September 2*

**HEALING MASS**  
*September 4*

**FALL CATECHETICAL SERIES BEGINS**  
*September 4*

**FIRST CHOIR REHEARSAL**  
*September 5*

**CULTURE OF LIFE MEETING**  
*September 5*

**FIRST FRIDAY**  
*September 6*

**STEWARDSHIP FAIR**  
*September 7 and 8*

**FIRST DAY OF PREP**  
*September 8*

**CYO MEETING**  
*September 9*

**OCIA INFORMATION NIGHT**  
*September 10*

**RED, WHITE AND BLUE MASS**  
*September 11*

**SENIOR CLUB MEETING**  
*September 11*

**BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC MASS WITH BISHOP SCHLERT**  
*September 12*

**MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT AT HGARS**  
*September 12*





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.-11p.m.). Your donation also enables you to register to win a \$100 Boscov's Gift Card. Visit [holygardianangelsregionalschool.square.site](https://holygardianangelsregionalschool.square.site) call 610-929-4124 or email [development@hgaschool.org](mailto: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).

HGARS will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, September 2, 2024. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 3 at 8am. Tuesday, September 3 is our First Day of PreKindergarten and First Day of Aftercare for pre registered students.

**Save the Dates!**

- Grandparents' Day Blessing and Breakfast: Friday, September 6 at 9:30am at Church
- Home and School Association General Meeting: Tuesday, September 10 at 6pm in the Learning Commons
- September 11th Observation and Prayer Service: Wednesday, September 11 at 9:30am in the Gym
- Meet the Teacher Night (Grades 1-8): Thursday, September 12 at 6pm
- School Picture Day in Uniform: Wednesday, September 18

Join us at our Panera Dine Out Event on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 from 4-8pm and show our flier or use code FUND4U when ordering online and you'll support our school!

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!



HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH  
**P.R.E.P.**  
Parish Religious Education Program

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 immediately or contact the Religious Education Office at 610-921-2729, ext. 2203.

**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>.



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Holy Guardian Angels Parish  
**ANNUAL  
STEWARDSHIP  
FAIR**

**THE HGA STEWARDSHIP FAIR WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER ALL MASSES THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 7 & 8!**

**What is the purpose of the Stewardship Fair?**

- To bring awareness to all the various ministries, organizations, and groups of HGA.
- To celebrate the work accomplished in the past year and see what is planned for the next year.
- To offer the opportunity for all parishioners to participate in the life of our parish family

We invite you to stay after Mass and visit the tents outside where representatives from all the HGA Ministries and Organizations will be available to talk about their mission and answer questions. If you feel inspired to get involved, please share your contact information and discuss what you may like to do to share your time, talent, or treasure.

Active participation in our parish is vital to the life of the Church and participation can be in whatever form you feel called to do so. Our Parish Council will be present for conversation or to answer any questions you may have.

**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 wounding. 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](mailto:de@youaremadenew.com).



**WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Married couples from across the Diocese are invited to renew their vows and thank God for the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage during the Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass.



DOORS OPEN: 2PM  
MASS: 3PM



SUNDAY  
22 SEPT 2024

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ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA PARISH,  
ALLENTOWN, PA  
1825 W TURNER ST, ALLENTOWN, PA 18104

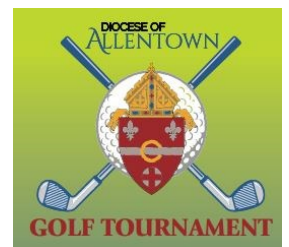
[allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass](http://allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass)

**2024 Diocese of Allentown  
Golf Tournament**

The Diocese of Allentown is hosting its Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, September 30, 2024, at the Donald Ross designed Steel Club course in Hellertown, PA!

This annual event has become known as one of the very best golf tournaments in the region. With your support, we can continue our tradition of fun and excellence while we raise funds to provide scholarships for men considering a life of ordained service to the Diocese as well as scholarships to assist children and families who hope to join one of our Catholic schools.

To register as a tournament sponsor, a foursome, or an individual golfer, visit the tournament website at <https://www.allentowndiocese.org/golf>. If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please contact Michele Mullikin at 610-871-5200 x2282 or via email at [mmullikin@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:mmullikin@allentowndiocese.org). Thank you in advance for your support of our 2024 Diocese of Allentown Golf Tournament!



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](http://www.mscreading.org) or email [cwhitmoyer@mscreading.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/PA0893) to sponsor wreaths or visit [gethcem.com](http://gethcem.com) or call 610-929-2613 for more information. Additional information on volunteer opportunities and dates will be announced."



Pray with Pope Francis! The Intention for September is: **FOR THE CRY OF THE EARTH.** Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

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