

# Welcome to the Church of the Holy Angels!

*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it. - 1 Corinthians 12: 4-6; 27*

We are so pleased to have you with us as part of our growing and vibrant parish family.

Holy Angels began over 32 years ago with a small handful of parishioners gathered in the Bainbridge Town Hall for weekly Mass. Today, we are comprised of more than 2,475 families representing the diversity of God's people. As St. Paul reminds us in the above passage, we are Christ's body and, individually, members of it. He reminds us that one part of the body cannot say to another, "I do not need you." All of us, together, comprise Christ's body and each person is essential to its proper functioning.

Fr. Ronald Rolheiser speaks about the importance of community and why it is so essential to the lives of Catholic Christians. He cites the following reasons to attend church and to be part of a community of faith:

Church **DRAWS US OUTSIDE OURSELVES**. It helps us to think of others more than ourselves.

It **GIVES A STEADYING RHYTHM**. When illness, panic, fear or change disorient us, church provides a clearly defined routine, familiar ways to pray and steadies us in the midst of chaos.

Church **HELPS US FEEL ORDINARY** when we feel as if we are the only one in the whole world going through a particular problem or issue. We are not alone.

Community **STRENGTHENS US WITH RESOURCES** by teaching us how to pray through our situations. We learn where we can turn for support, encouragement and understanding.

Thank you for all you do to make Holy Angels such a wonderful community of faith through which the presence of Christ is so beautifully revealed in His body, the Church. We are blessed by your presence here and trust that God will bless the work of our hands to reflect the presence of Christ more clearly to our world.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Daniel F. Schlegel  
Administrator

## History

For many years, residents in our area traveled to St. Rita Church in Solon to attend Mass and celebrate the sacraments. In the fall of 1977, a number of parishioners met with Fr. John McNally (then pastor of St. Rita Church) to express their concern regarding the considerable distance between the people and their church. On December 3, 1977, Bishop James A. Hickey formally established the Holy Angels Mission as an outreach of St. Rita Church. The following day, Fr. McNally celebrated the first Mass for the mission congregation of 61 families at the Bainbridge Town Hall.

In 1982, Fr. Robert Wendelken was appointed pastor of St. Rita and its mission, Holy Angels. In August, he initiated a steering committee to form a parish council for Holy Angels. The first Parish Council elections took place in May 1984. In September 1985, religious education classes were established for the growing congregation. Classes for grades one through four were held at Gardiner Elementary School and one additional grade was added each year thereafter.

The Mission congregation continued to meet in the Bainbridge Town Hall and, occasionally, at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church or at the Pilgrim Village picnic pavilion. In February 1986, a campaign was launched for a place that the Holy Angels community could call "home." With the approval of Bishop Anthony M. Pilla, ground was broken July 27, 1986, at 18046 Chillicothe Road on a parcel owned by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. This multi-purpose facility was designed to accommodate 300 people for worship and a variety of parish functions.

The first Mass in the new building was celebrated by Fr. Wendelken on December 21, 1986. The Most Reverend A. Edward Pevec, Vicar for the Eastern Region and Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland, solemnly blessed the Church of the Holy Angels on March 15, 1987. Bishop Anthony M. Pilla presided at the Liturgy. At the time of solemn blessing, 285 families were registered members of Holy Angels. Presently, we have over 2475 families.

In July 1987, Fr. Paul Sciarotta was appointed part-time administrator while remaining resident chaplain to the Sisters of Notre Dame in Chardon. In February 1988, Fr. Joseph Labbe was appointed part-time administrator of Holy Angels while remaining the Director of Admissions and Dean of Men for Borromeo College. Bishop Anthony M. Pilla then appointed Fr. Labbe as full-time administrator effective June 1, 1991.

On September 29, 1995, Holy Angels became the 238th parish in the Diocese of Cleveland, and Father Joseph Labbe was appointed the first pastor. The community continued to grow rapidly and quickly pushed the members to consider a new facility. Lot restrictions prohibited the building of a larger church at 18046 Chillicothe Rd., so the search was begun for another site. Through a very generous anonymous donor, two parcels, totaling 60 acres, were acquired for the new facility. Planning began in September 1996, groundbreaking in June 1998, and the first Mass was celebrated in our present church on August 14, 1999. Abbot Roger Gries, OSB celebrated the Solemn Dedication on September 29, 1999, the Feast of the Holy Angels, Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. On April 8, 2002, Father Robert Stec, weekend associate, was named temporary administrator of Holy Angels. Father Daniel Schlegel was appointed by Bishop Anthony M. Pilla as the new parish administrator on November 25, 2002.

Since 2002, our parish has been involved with the *Vibrant Parish Life* initiative in the Diocese of Cleveland. This initiative strives to help our local church be a stronger witness and presence in our area through parish "clusters." In 2007, with the approval of Bishop Richard Lennon, Holy Angels and St. Joan of Arc in Chagrin Falls became "cluster" parishes. In the Spring of 2009, visions and goals were approved by Bishop Lennon and we have begun working together in new ways to strengthen the Catholic presence and vibrancy in our area of the Diocese.

## Offices & Staff

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## Liturgy & Sacraments

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday & Friday 9:00 a.m.  
Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 a.m.

### HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Please check Sunday Bulletin.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard on Saturday from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or other times by appointment.

### PRE-BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Along with our neighboring parishes, Holy Angels offers a pre-Baptismal class for new or expectant parents. Four times a year we offer this class as a two-hour session. We need volunteers who can relate to parents of very young babies and are at ease speaking to groups about their own commitment to Christian family life. Training sessions for this ministry are offered as needed.

TO REGISTER OR VOLUNTEER, call the Parish Office (440) 708-0000.

### BAPTISM

Celebrated the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Couples expecting their first child or those who have never participated in a pre-Baptism program must do so in accordance with diocesan requirements. Holy Angels offers a pre-Baptism program or it may be attended at any parish within our Diocese.

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE, (440) 708-0000, to make arrangements.

### FIRST RECONCILIATION

Celebrated by our second grade children either individually with their families or in a group as scheduled. A complete program of instruction for families is provided within the framework of our Religious Education Program.

CALL THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE, (440) 708-0808, for information.

### FIRST EUCHARIST

Celebrated by our second grade children with their families at a scheduled weekend Mass or in a group on the first Saturday in May. A complete program of instruction for families is provided within the framework of our Religious Education Program.

CALL THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE, (440) 708-0808, for information.

#### SACRAMENTAL CATCH-UP

This is offered to children who are older than second grade but have not yet celebrated First Reconciliation and/or First Eucharist.

CALL THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE, (440) 708-0808, for information.

#### CONFIRMATION

Celebrated yearly for those who desire to confirm their baptismal call to bear witness to Christ in the world. Reception of this sacrament is typically celebrated in the 8th grade.

CALL THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE, (440) 708-0808, for information.

#### ADULT CONFIRMATION

For those adults and juniors and seniors in high school who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, several sessions are offered for preparation.

CALL THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE, (440) 708-0808, for information.

#### MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office, (440) 708-0000, to discuss arrangements for your wedding prior to setting a date. This should be done at least six months in advance.

#### ANOINTING AND/OR VISITATION OF THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Please CALL THE PARISH OFFICE, (440) 708-0000, for any of these ministries or to let us know that a parishioner is ill or unable to attend Mass. We are more than happy to visit, bring our parishioners the Eucharist and anoint them when requested.

#### FUNERALS

All arrangements are to be made with the priest prior to publication in newspapers.

## Religious Education

#### BIBLEFEST

This approach to religious education brings together EVERYONE in the parish to learn about Scripture. After a brief opening experience together, participants gather in age-appropriate groups for an in-depth 45 minute presentation on the topic. Then everyone re-convenes for a closing prayer. The information presented at these sessions is intended to help parishioners talk more confidently about their faith at home and with others, and to help everyone participate in the life of the church more meaningfully. Sessions are held four times a year.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, contact Sr. Susan (440) 708-0000 Ext. 202.

## Preschool through 5th Grade

#### OPTION A:

##### PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (CPSR)

Religious Education classes for students in Preschool through 5th grade are held on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and evenings at Holy Angels. If you would like to share your faith by being a catechist for classroom PSR, training is available. If you are interested in helping, but teaching is not for you, there are other ways to be of assistance. As a catechist's aide, your presence and an extra set of hands can be of great help.

TO REGISTER OR VOLUNTEER, call the Religious Education Office (440) 708-0808.

#### OPTION B:

##### FAMILY HOMESCHOOLING (FHS)

Family Home schooling is offered to families who desire to become more involved in their child's religious education. Parents assume responsibility for teaching the course material.

TO REGISTER, call the Religious Education Office (440) 708-0808.

#### OPTION C:

##### PARTNERS IN FAITH

Partners in Faith will be offered in the summer for one week of concentrated studies of our faith. This program will be available to the first to sign up in grades one through five. There are a limited number in each classroom. In addition to the one week in the summer, parents will be responsible for teaching the appropriate liturgical year lessons, participating in all Biblefest gatherings, completing weekly "Gospel" supplements, attending weekly Mass with their children and living out the faith in the home. Registration will take place with the spring registration for PSR. We are in need of Partners in Faith catechists and aides to work with the children.

TO VOLUNTEER, call the Religious Education Office (440) 708-0808.

##### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

Vacation Bible School is held each summer for one week for children 5 years old through the fifth grade. Children will enjoy a week of fun, games, refreshments, crafts, music, Bible stories and more. Many volunteers are needed to make this program a success.

TO REGISTER OR TO VOLUNTEER, call the Religious Education Office (440) 708-0808.

##### LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

For children in grades K through 2. During the 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses, before the scripture readings begin, the children are dismissed to the Community Room of the church to listen to the readings from the Children's Lectionary. A children's lesson follows, including song and prayer. Children then rejoin their families in the Worship Space to continue the Eucharistic celebration. LWC takes place during the school year with a break for summer vacation.

TO VOLUNTEER, call Anna King (440) 543-7574.

##### "WINGS" YOUTH CHOIR

Our children's choir known as "Wings" is open to all children, 2nd grade thru 8th grade. The child must be able to read and have a love of music in their hearts! They meet on Wednesday evenings and sing twice a month at weekend Masses, September thru May. This group is a wonderful way to introduce young voices to music and to learn how to integrate music with prayer. The only voice that is not in tune is the one that isn't singing!

TO VOLUNTEER, call Heidi Sirocky (330) 995-4093.

## Middle School Grades 6, 7, and 8

##### LAUNCH

Grades 6, 7, and 8 meet twice each month for faith formation. Topics relevant to the lives of young teens are presented from a Catholic Christian perspective using age-appropriate methods. The 90 minute sessions are held on Sunday or Monday evenings at Holy Angels. Adults who are willing to share their faith act as small group leaders for the entire season. Volunteers are needed to be "small group" leaders.

TO REGISTER OR VOLUNTEER, call Kim McCoy (440) 708-0808 Ext. 215.

##### "WINGS" YOUTH CHOIR

See description on previous page under "Preschool through 5th Grade."

TO VOLUNTEER, call Heidi Sirocky (330) 995-4093.

##### JUNIOR HIGH CAMP

This is a week-long summer day camp for all area students entering grades six through eight in the upcoming school year. Based at the church, the week includes community building, field trips, service, outdoor activities and plenty of food and fun. High school youth are needed in the role of "Junior Counselor" and parents are asked to help plan and coordinate specific days of the week.

TO REGISTER OR VOLUNTEER, call Matt Anselmi (440) 708-0808 Ext. 208.

# Other Youth Opportunities

## HAYgroup (Holy Angels Youth group)

Young. Catholic. Vibrant- it's all about everyday, real discipleship! Combining opportunities for service, catechesis, retreats, and fun events, HAYgroup (grades 9 through 12) meets regularly on Sundays at Holy Angels to encourage living as a Catholic Christian teen in today's world. All youth in grades 9 through 12 are invited! Adults who are willing to share their faith and insight are always needed. Check it out, bring a friend!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, call Matt Anselmi (440) 708-0808 Ext. 208.

## Young Neighbors in Action (Y.N.I.A.)

Each summer a team of teenagers and adults leaves the comforts of home and spends a week being of service to those in need. Service projects include home repair, day care centers, painting, yard work, indoor cleaning, basic construction and maintenance/repair. The Workcamp experience is relational, spiritual, Catholic and fun. The support of the Holy Angels community is necessary to continue this ministry. The team needs prayer partners to pray for them during Workcamp. Financial sponsors are also necessary in order to maintain the program.

FOR INFORMATION, call Matt Anselmi (440) 708-0808 Ext. 208.

# Worship

## WORSHIP COMMISSION

This commission oversees all the worship elements as the parish community comes together to pray. Meeting quarterly, it helps coordinate the efforts of the different liturgical ministries, especially during the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter.

TO VOLUNTEER, call Christie Dilisio (440) 708-0000 Ext. 206.

## LITURGY PREPARATION TEAM

Members of the liturgy preparation team are responsible for providing preparations for Masses and Prayer Services which engender full and active participation of the assembly, a vibrant proclamation of God's Word, and a joyful celebration of the Eucharist. Members write and select prayers/ritual actions for Liturgy in accordance with the norms of the Catholic Church and the needs of our community throughout the year.

TO VOLUNTEER, call Adrienne Yates (440) 708-0000 Ext. 201.

## ART & ENVIRONMENT

This group of dedicated people provides a visual expression of the liturgical message throughout the Church year. This work is especially noteworthy during Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter, although other liturgical events are also enhanced by their efforts. Some individuals bring their artistic ability to the group, while others provide their time, their muscle or something as simple as ironing skills.

TO VOLUNTEER, call Ivette Parra (440) 543-4692.

## ALTAR SERVER

Any boy or girl in the fourth grade or older is welcome to serve in this ministry at weekend liturgies. A training session is offered for those interested in serving the Lord in this special way. Adult servers are also needed for funerals. A simple training session and guidelines are provided.

TO VOLUNTEER, call the Parish Office (440) 708-0000.

## COMMENTATOR

Our commentators begin the liturgy by welcoming the people and reading any timely announcements. During the liturgy, they also read the intercessions, except when a Deacon is present. Early arrival for liturgy is required.

TO VOLUNTEER, call Sr. Susan (440) 708-0000 Ext. 202.

## CROSS BEARER

The entrance procession signals the ritual beginning of our celebration. By leading this procession, the Cross Bearer helps to create the image of Christ present in this assembly. We encourage our high school age parishioners and older to participate in this ministry because of the size of the processional cross.

TO VOLUNTEER, call Sr. Susan (440) 708-0000 Ext. 202.

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST

We are fortunate to have many members of Holy Angels who joyfully and reverently help distribute the Eucharist at weekend liturgies and to the sick and homebound. The diocese provides the training for this program. This requires early arrival for scheduled liturgies.

TO VOLUNTEER, call Sr. Susan (440) 708-0000 Ext. 202.

## GREETER

Holy Angels is a welcoming, friendly community. Greeters are parishioners who welcome people as they come into the church during our weekend liturgies. Anyone who is friendly and willing to commit to arriving a few minutes before Mass is welcome to join this ministry. We encourage singles, couples, families with their children, young and old, to take part in this ministry.

TO VOLUNTEER, call Sr. Susan (440) 708-0000 Ext. 202.

## READER

By reading the first and second readings at Mass, readers proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to the community. While a clear speaking voice and the ability to speak before a large group is helpful in this ministry, a love for the Word of God is the best qualification to help the gathered assembly. This requires advance preparation by becoming familiar with the readings and early arrival for scheduled liturgies.

TO VOLUNTEER, call Sr. Susan (440) 708-0000 Ext. 202.

## MASS COORDINATOR

These volunteers see that everything is ready for the celebration of Mass. They place items where they need to be and see that all liturgical ministers are present. Their service helps assure that details are covered so that Mass can be celebrated well. Coordinators are needed for weekend Masses, weddings and funerals.

TO VOLUNTEER, call Sr. Susan (440) 708-0000 Ext. 202.

## USHER

Have you ever been invited to a gathering where the only person you know is the one who invited you? What a relief when someone reaches out to welcome you! Our ushers meet and seat people at our liturgies and keep alert to special needs. Additional duties include taking up the collection and presentation of gifts, ushering at Communion, and distributing bulletins after Mass. Arrival fifteen minutes before liturgy is required.

TO VOLUNTEER, call Sr. Susan (440) 708-0000 Ext. 202.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Our weekend liturgies have always been greatly enhanced by the talent and commitment of those who share their voices and musical gifts with us. Our music ministry includes the Adult, Children's and Handbell Choirs. They meet on Tuesday evenings to prepare to lead us in song each weekend. If you think you have any interest in this area, don't be shy — this is a warm and welcoming group.

TO VOLUNTEER, call Christie Dilisio (440) 708-0000 Ext. 206.

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

On the first Friday of each month, everyone is invited to participate for one hour in Adoration of the Holy Eucharist in Mercy Chapel from 9:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to be in quiet prayer with Jesus. Please choose a time slot and sign up on the bulletin board outside the Chapel.

## ROSARY FOR LIFE

Every Thursday after the 7:00 a.m. Mass and on Saturdays at 4:30 p.m., members of the parish gather in Mercy Chapel to pray the Rosary. Please come and join us as we call upon Mary, Our Lady of Peace and our loving Mother, for her powerful intercession as we pray for protection of all life — our unborn, our sick, our needy and our soldiers in time of war.

# Adult Faith Formation

## PARISH FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

This commission meets bi-monthly to identify the spiritual needs of the community and to plan programs that will best address the needs of adults and families. Given the diverse backgrounds of our parishioners, many people are needed to focus on ideas to help everyone grow in their faith.

TO VOLUNTEER, call Sr. Susan (440) 798-0000 Ext. 202.

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Holy Angels' Men's Fellowship is a group of men searching for a closer relationship with God. We come from different careers, vocations and stages of life. Through quarterly and annual events, we enjoy discussing with each others life's victories and challenges as well as how to best live as Catholic men in our community. We turn to the Word of God in fellowship to learn more about our faith and rekindle our Catholic principles through both spiritual and social activities

FOR INFORMATION, call Mike Hasychak (330) 562-8518 or jeetcun@aol.com

## MOMS

MOMS (Moms Offering Moms Support) is a lively, compassionate, extremely active group of women. At some meetings they may share their tribulations; other times they share their successes and joys. Sometimes a guest speaker is invited, and other times may be private conversation among themselves. Above all, they pray with and for each other. Meetings are held every Tuesday in the St. Michael Room from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Babysitting is available.

FOR INFORMATION, call Nancy Parker (440) 543-8297 or Kelly Noble (440) 338-5624.

## SCRIPTURE STUDIES

One group meets on Wednesday mornings and is facilitated by a team who is part of Our Lady of Guadalupe Bible College, a ministry of Presentation Ministries. Everyone is invited, no prior experience is necessary.

FOR INFORMATION, call Bonnie Bobrowski (440) 543-8491.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for unbaptized persons and Christians of other denominations who wish to know more about the Catholic faith, or for baptized Catholics who never completed their sacraments of initiation (Confirmation and Eucharist). The journey involves learning about the teachings and traditions of the Church as well as sharing in its rituals which outwardly express the community's blessing, joy and support. Joining RCIA is not an obligation to become Catholic; however, those who desire may be fully initiated as Roman Catholics at the Easter Vigil Mass or at an appropriate time throughout the year. Catholics interested in sharing their faith in this ministry are invited to join the RCIA Team as facilitators, dismissal leaders, witnesses or hospitality group members.

TO REGISTER OR TO VOLUNTEER, call Adrienne Yates (440) 708-0000 Ext. 201.

## COUPLE TO COUPLE MINISTRY

This ministry is for married couples interested in helping prepare engaged couples for the Sacrament of Marriage. After completing the diocesan training program, married couples meet with an engaged couple to discuss issues and share insights into the lifelong commitment of marriage.

FOR INFORMATION, call the Parish Office (440) 708-0000.

## WOMEN AT THE WELL

Taking its name from the Gospel story in which Jesus engages a Samaritan woman in conversation that leads to a spiritual awakening within her, this ministry gathers women of Holy Angels and St. Joan of Arc for spiritual conversation and friendship. Gatherings alternate each month at each Church.

FOR INFORMATION, call Sr. Susan Javorek (440) 708-0000 Ext. 202.

#### CATHOLICS RE-CONNECTING

Catholics Re-connecting is an opportunity for Catholics who have been away from the Church to explore the possibility of re-engaging with their faith community. The program is six weekly sessions during which listening, updating and sharing of our Catholic faith takes place in an informal and non-judgmental manner. The goal is to provide Catholics who, for whatever reason have stopped participating in the life of the Church, the information, support and encouragement they might need in order to re-connect.

FOR INFORMATION, call Sr. Susan Javorek (440) 708-0000 Ext 202

## Parish Life

#### STEWARDSHIP

Functioning in an advisory capacity, Stewardship strives to provide guidance and encouragement to parish groups and individuals in order to live out the principals of Christian Stewardship in all areas of life. Recognizing that all that we are and all that we have are gifts from God, we accept the responsibility to show our gratitude by giving back. We work at developing ways of helping members of the Holy Angels community to discern and cultivate their gifts and to discover opportunities to share their unique talents both within Holy Angels and in their daily lives. We meet once a month and welcome any interested members of the parish.

FOR INFORMATION, call Kareen Kovach at (440) 543-3420 or email [HA.Stewardship@gmail.com](mailto:HA.Stewardship@gmail.com)

#### LENTEN FISH FRY

The Fish Fry is held every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) from 5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room. Choices of baked or fried fish, fries or baked potato, as well as other entrees and sides are offered each week. There are many volunteers needed each Lenten season for this parish event.

TO VOLUNTEER, call Pat Neuman (440) 543-2806.

#### HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

This group of friendly parishioners serves the parish by setting up, serving and/or providing refreshments for events held at the parish that are not sponsored by a specific group. They are a great reflection of the warm and welcoming spirit that is such a part of Holy Angels.

TO VOLUNTEER, call the Parish Office (440) 708-0000.

#### DONUT SUNDAY

Once each month, September through June, donuts and coffee are available in the Community Room after the Sunday Masses. The hosts just need to arrive early for the Mass to make coffee and set out the donuts and then stay to clean up afterward. This ministry is for those who like coffee and enjoy socializing with friends.

TO VOLUNTEER, call Dianne Maloney (440) 543-5783 or Erin Baumgartner (440) 543-2632.

#### EMPTY NESTERS

In the Empty Nesters Organization, adults with common interests come together to enjoy a wide variety of activities. Known as one of the most active groups in the parish, Empty Nesters offers a full calendar of year round events, ranging from exploring the outdoors to enhancing spirituality — and much in between. The group currently boasts well over a hundred members, singles and couples, with an age span of more than thirty years. Truly, there is something for everybody, regardless of the state of your particular nest.

FOR INFORMATION, call R.L. & Bev Meyer (440) 338-3511 or co-chairs, Pat & Mary Ryan (440) 543-7627

## KNITTING ANGELS

Knitting Angels is a multigenerational group comprised of those who like to work with their hands to provide warm and useful items for the less fortunate. Knitters and crocheters of all ages, whether beginner or experienced, are welcome. Meetings are every Monday, except holidays, from 1 pm. to 3 pm.

FOR INFORMATION, call Betty Karl (440) 543-6454

## HOLY THURSDAY PARISH POTLUCK

This annual parish potluck is held before the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Everyone from the parish is invited to attend. Bring your favorite potluck dish and a beverage to share with your church family. Help is always needed in planning and setting up the evening of the event.

TO VOLUNTEER, call Cyndy Vogley (440) 708-0808 Ext. 207.

## ACTIVE SINGLES

Active Singles is a single adult social and service group with members whose ages are **30's, 40's and beyond**. It is open to all widowed, divorced, and single adults. We offer the opportunity to make new friends and have fun attending various social activities, both indoors and out. Activities are generally low to moderate in cost and scheduled about a month or more in advance. We balance our social activities with community services, such as volunteering at various Holy Angels parish events, Faith in Action activities, or other charitable causes. Two months of calendars can generally be found in the parish library.

FOR INFORMATION, call **Blake Richards (330) 995-2535, Catherine Campbell (216) 780-2129 or Jodi Shankweiler (440) 543-2267**

## PARISH PICNIC

If there is any one event during the year where many hands make hard work easy, this is it. With so many people involved, from setup and food to games and cleanup, this is a fun time for everyone and the community spirit is heart-warming.

TO VOLUNTEER, call the Parish Office (440) 708-0000.

## SEW FAITHFUL

The purpose of Sew Faithful is to gather together in a prayerful spirit to create "prayer quilts" for members of our parish community who need comfort and prayer support. Sew Faithful focuses on the unique and creative spirit of its members who are willing to share their time and their creative talent. The only experience needed is time, prayer and a desire for a new creative experience while meeting members of your Holy Angels community.

TO VOLUNTEER, call Mary Ellen Beebe (330) 562-2268.

## B.Y.O.C. (BRING YOUR OWN CRAFT)

Make a difference in the world by using your talents in various areas of crafting. Whether it's knitting, crocheting, card making, art needlepoint, sewing, photo editing (Holy Angels has wireless access). Scrapbooking, etc., members take on various projects throughout the year that benefit organizations such as St. Thomas Aquinas, VA Hospital, and nursing homes. Members also learn from one another and enjoy the fellowship that arises from sharing information and techniques. Meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of each month (excluding holidays and July and August) at 7 pm. in the Library.

FOR INFORMATION, contact Trish Mulholland (330) 562.4648.

## HEALTH & WELLNESS MINISTRY

This ministry is devoted to caring for the health and wellness of our church family. You do not have to be a doctor or a nurse to participate in this ministry. Some of the potential components of this ministry include: health screenings (blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol), health education (CPR, Advance Directives/Living Wills, community resources, nutrition, exercise), and other topics of general interest.

TO VOLUNTEER, call Joyce Taylor (440) 543-1540.

## WELCOME COMMITTEE

The Welcome Committee seeks to serve the Holy Angels community by reaching out in a personal way to new members so that our warm and welcoming spirit is carried on.

TO VOLUNTEER, call Rita DiFranco (440) 338-8774.

#### BREATHE

Breathe is an evening of respite for parents of children with disabilities. These children and their siblings come to Holy Angels and have a fun time on a Friday night four times a year so that their parents have a few free hours to do anything they would like. Parents feel comfortable knowing that their children are in a safe environment.

FOR INFORMATION, call Tom Grist 330-995-6546 or Karen Sunderhaft 440-708-0545.

## Social Concerns Commission

The Parish Social Concerns Commission develops pastoral plans and policies in the areas of Christian service and social action. This Commission seeks ways to educate the parish about the social mission of the Church so that members understand that both charity and justice are essential in living out the Gospel. It calls the parish community to be involved in service and advocacy in order to promote a just and peaceful society and encourages and assists the parish community to respond to issues, social problems and needs of people both through acts of charity and efforts to effect social change.

FOR INFORMATION, call Deacon Stephen Yates (330) 562-1960 or Skip Walter (440) 543-4132.

#### FAITH IN ACTION

The Faith in Action Committee provides many wonderful events for the people of Holy Angels to reach out to those in need. Our motto is "Caring for All God's People."

#### CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

During Advent our Christmas trees in the Gathering Area are decorated with paper angels, each describing a gift for a needy person or organization. Parishioners are asked to take one or several of these angel tags, purchase the item and return the wrapped Christmas presents by the designated Sunday. The committee sorts the gifts and distributes them to the needy.

#### GROCERY BAG & PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

All year long Holy Angels parishioners bring in their paper grocery bags which are then given to several food pantries in the city of Cleveland for the distribution of food items. Additionally, parishioners are asked to donate travel size toiletries obtained while traveling. These personal care items are then distributed to those in need at homeless shelters in the inner city. There is a collection container in the Coatroom for both of these important purposes.

#### ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARTNERSHIP

Bishop Anthony M. Pilla, in his 1993 pastoral letter entitled "The Church in the City," urged urban and suburban parishes to begin to breakdown the longstanding racial, economic, cultural and geographic barriers to social unity by entering into partnerships with one another. In the summer of 2002, Holy Angels responded to this call by beginning a partnership with Cleveland's St. Thomas Aquinas School which borders the Glenville/St. Clair-Superior/Hough neighborhoods. The ultimate goal of partnership is the building of lasting personal and spiritual relationships which will lead to mutual respect, understanding and betterment of the quality of life for all involved. Some of the activities where help is needed include the Christmas Boutique, assistance in the library, teacher aide work, and mentoring.

#### CHRISTMAS IN JULY

This is a multi-faceted event which incorporates a "Back to School" drive for Chagrin Falls Park and St. Thomas Aquinas School with collections of items and cash for a local food pantry, New Life Community, and men and women in the military.

TO VOLUNTEER, call Joy Gallagher (440) 543-6018.

#### ARC-ANGELS FOR LIFE

This subcommittee acts as a liaison with the Diocese and our neighboring parishes. The primary responsibility is to make sure that the people of Holy Angels are offered current information and programs concerning important topics and existing programs concerning pro-life issues, from the yet unborn to the elderly.

TO VOLUNTEER, call Al Benander (440) 708-1022.

#### ST. PATRICK'S HUNGER CENTER

Volunteers from the parish travel to St. Patrick's Hunger Center in Cleveland about 4 times each year to prepare and serve a meal. Volunteers are needed to prepare, serve and clean-up. If you aren't able to go to the center, we also need bakers to provide home-baked goodies to serve along with the meal. These can be dropped off at Holy Angels prior to the trip to St. Patrick's.

TO VOLUNTEER, call Mary Anne Edwards (440) 247-0329.

#### CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Through presentations before and after Masses, this team creates awareness and encourages parishioners to contribute to Catholic Charities. They provide materials about the many causes which this vital organization supports.

TO VOLUNTEER, call Mark Zak (440)-708-2873

## Pastoral Care

#### FUNERAL LUNCHEONS

When our parishioners experience the death of a family member, we like to offer families the option of having a luncheon at Holy Angels after the funeral service. Volunteers are needed to setup, to serve, to cleanup, and to provide the side dishes. Many hands make for light work. This is another concrete way of expressing support to parishioners in their time of need.

TO VOLUNTEER, call Maina Consolo (440) 543-3253.

#### HOSTING AT WAKES

This compassionate group of parishioners helps to welcome family and friends when wakes are held in our Gathering Area before a funeral Mass. They attend to anything necessary for the comfort of the grieving family and their guests.

TO VOLUNTEER, call Rita DiFranco (440) 338-8774.

#### BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Members of this ministry plan, prepare and present sessions and materials to support persons who are walking the difficult journey of grieving the loss of a loved one.

FOR INFORMATION, call Charlotte Cepek, (216) 440-1206.

#### MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

Members of this ministry are Eucharistic Ministers who visit parishioners, bringing Communion on a regular basis. Some training is required and is provided.

TO VOLUNTEER, call Sr. Susan (440) 708-0000 Ext. 202.

#### MINISTRY TO DIVORCED AND SEPARATED

Going through a separation or divorce can be very painful emotionally, physically, and especially spiritually for the adults involved and their children. This ministry offers resources and programs to help individuals and families navigate through this time while continuing to foster their faith and connection to the Church.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, contact Janice Manno Simmons, [janicesimmons@roadrunner.com](mailto:janicesimmons@roadrunner.com)

#### JOB CARE

The Holy Angels Job Care group provides support to parishioners in need during distressing times. The group provides spiritual support and practical assistance to those who are unemployed and/or struggling with career related issues.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, contact us at [hajobcare@yahoo.com](mailto:hajobcare@yahoo.com)

## General Services

### THE HERALD NEWSLETTER

The Herald, Holy Angels' newsletter is published quarterly for Advent, Lent, Summer and Fall. While the weekly Bulletin offers timely information on parish activities, the Herald offers a more in-depth look at who we are as a parish. Each issue includes personal profiles, seasonal in-depth stories, ministry news, re-caps of major events and pictorial reviews. It is a wonderful testimony to the many works of Holy Angels parishioners and is mailed out to every registered family. It is entirely written and designed in-house by a talented volunteer staff. New writers and photographers are always welcome!

TO VOLUNTEER, call Denise Geisler (440)543-7151 or email [ddgeisler@windstream.net](mailto:ddgeisler@windstream.net).

### OFFICE ANGELS

This group of dedicated volunteers performs light office work such as collating and folding, depending on the needs of the parish and religious education offices.

TO VOLUNTEER, call the Parish Office (440) 708-0000.

### COLLECTION COUNTERS

members of this group gather once a week in the Parish Office to open and count the collection for the weekend.

TO VOLUNTEER, call Lyn Bullock (440) 708-0000 Ext. 205.

### GARDENING ANGELS

This is a seasonal group who work to prepare and plan our gardens. Their efforts help make Holy Angels look like the warm and inviting community that it is.

TO VOLUNTEER, call Lyn Bullock (440) 708-0000 Ext. 205.

### HOLY ANGELS LIBRARY ORGANIZATION (HALO)

HALO is building a religious library collection of interest to everyone. Interested parishioners can help organize, develop procedures and prepare materials for parishioners' enjoyment. Sub-committees are working to select materials, set up a catalog, develop programs, and publicize all the good things the library has to offer. A book fair is held each year in early spring. If you are interested in helping make the library at Holy Angels a place for parishioners to go for reflective thought and inspiring reading, you are welcome to join the committee.

TO VOLUNTEER, call Mary Lombardy (440) 543-5614 or Fay Maroun (440) 543-8220.

### NURSERY

Our co-op Nursery is available on Sundays during the 10:00 a.m. liturgy for children from 18 months of age and up. In addition to the co-op parents, volunteers are always needed to help staff the Nursery during this time.

FOR INFORMATION, call the Sue Reid (440) 247-8148.

### PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

The Parish Finance Council is a consultative body that helps the pastor in the administration of parish property and goods, financial resources, buildings and grounds. Members of the Finance Council provide expertise in finance, administration, business and law and serve a three-year term. Membership is by appointment by the pastor.

FOR INFORMATION, call the Parish Office (440) 708-0000.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body that shares the responsibility with the pastor in setting the pastoral direction of the Holy Angels' community. The Council seeks to listen to the Holy Spirit to discern what is best for the community in light of the Gospel, the Church's teaching and the experience and needs of the people. Nominations and elections are held every 2 years.

FOR INFORMATION, call the Parish Office (440) 708-0000.

## Ecumenical

### CHAGRIN VALLEY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (CVCC)

This organization, composed of many of the Christian churches of Bainbridge, Auburn and Chagrin Falls, meets bi-monthly. The ministers, priests, and representatives of these churches come together to discuss and plan both liturgical and social concerns events for the Christian community of this area. These have included Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service, Lenten Ecumenical Services, Outdoor Stations of the Cross and Clothing Drive (Spring and Fall).

TO VOLUNTEER, call Sister Susan (440) 708-0000 Ext. 202.