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MASSES (IN THE CHURCH)

Monday - Friday: 8AM
Saturday – No Masses at this time.
Sunday – 9AM and 11AM

HOLY DAYS AND ADORATION

Evening Before: 7PM | Day of: 9AM
No Adoration at this time.

VICTIMS ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

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There is a link to the Charter for the Protection of
Children and Young People on the Diocese website at
www.allentowndiocese.org under "Youth Protection."

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SACRAMENTAL AND PARISH INFORMATION



PARISH MEMBERSHIP

In order to receive any Sacraments, you must be a REGISTERED PARISHIONER. Yellow census forms should be filled out as soon as possible to be considered an active member. Please contact us with any changes so our records can be kept current. *If you are over 18 and not in college, you should register under your own name.*

SACRAMENT TO THE HOMEBOUND

Please call the Rectory for arrangements. Father makes First Friday Communion calls the first week of the month.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM/ BAPTISM SPONSORS

Parents and Godparents will need to attend a class before the child's Baptism. An Information Form needs to be filled out by the parent and a Declaration Form filled out by the Godparents. Godparents must be at least 16 years of age, need to be an active, registered parishioners of OLHC or will need a letter of good standing from their current Parish. Anyone requesting a Baptism for their child must be actively attending Church for at least three (3) months.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The process of preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony within the Church takes at least six months so we encourage you to begin this process as soon as you become engaged. No marriage dates will be taken over the phone. Parents of those to be married cannot reserve a date for their adult children.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

At this time, Confession is by appointment only. Please call or email the Rectory for an appointment.

SPONSORSHIP LETTERS OF ELIGIBILITY

Only Catholics who are fully-initiated, regularly attending Mass and, if married, done so validly in the Roman Catholic Church will receive Letters of Eligibility.

LEGACY

Gifts provided through wills and personal trusts can make such a difference in the continued operation of our Parish. These gifts enable a donor to make contributions that may not have been possible during their lifetime. If you value the mission of OLHC, please consider this. Thank you!



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Weekly Offerings

YOUR STEWARDSHIP HELPS SUSTAIN US

January 24, 2020 – \$3,122 (no 2nd collection)

The statement printed above the amount expresses the gratitude felt in response to your continued support and generosity towards our parish. It is your weekly contributions that help sustain us and keep us active. Thanks are extended to those who use envelopes and those who contribute through the Diocese online giving (allentowndiocese.org/parish-support) and E-offering. *The number above reflects collections received from mailings, online giving, Sunday's Masses and second offerings, including any Diocesan collections.*

winter warmup

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DESALES UNIVERSITY ACCOUNTING STUDENTS TO PROVIDE FREE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

Accounting students from DeSales will provide tax preparation assistance free of charge to senior citizens, those with incomes below \$54,000, people with disabilities, students, military and those who speak English as a second language. The program will begin Monday, 2/15 through Friday, 3/26.

To schedule an appointment, call (610) 282-1100, X1868. A DeSales student will return the phone call and provide assistance. Individuals needing assistance should bring all printed tax information and all documents pertaining to federal, state and local taxes with them to their appointment. All in-person appointments will be conducted with all COVID-related precautions, and visitors to the DeSales campus are required to be masked.

This week, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide struggling communities with relief and support and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

BLESSING OF THE THROATS TODAY 1/31/21

The "Blessing of the Throats" is a sacramental of the Roman Catholic Church, ordinarily celebrated on February 3rd, the feast day of Saint Blaise of Sebaste.

COVID-19 has reshaped many plans and priorities and the Diocese has had to adapt in serving our Catholic parishioners. Consequently, in accordance with Diocese of Allentown guidelines, Father Rich will perform a general blessing at all Masses today, as well as on the feast day, from the altar.

Reading I: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

The author wants to find a place for prophecy in his country. He describes a true prophet as a native Israelite who is called by Yahweh and continues the prophetic role of Moses.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 7: 32-35

Paul is addressing newly married couples. We note his view of the equality of men and women. He advises couples but does not impose any solutions.

The Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28

Capernaum is the setting for this last section of Chapter One. Jesus' "amazing" teaching did not rely on appeals to Scripture or other teachers for verification. The healing He works presages the end of the power of demons.



GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY!	
1/31	Raymond Meyers, Dominick Sander
2/2	Ruth Reisinger, Johan Urena
2/5	Nanette Gillette
2/6	Father Brensinger, Carolina Howard, Vera Guzley,

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED SOULS WHO PASSED AWAY IN JANUARY	
1/1 – William Downing ('79), Modesto Marino ('19)	1/16 – Robert Kleckner ('04), Marion Schnabel ('11)
1/2 – Albert Dorwarth ('03)	1/19 – John Lysek ('93)
1/3 – Joseph Wiener ('01), Raymond Keppel ('03), Marie Brunner ('06), Daniel Gardo ('07), Dorothy "Woody" O'Donnell ('15)	1/20 – Anna Reichenbach ('07)
1/4 – Yolanda "Yolie" Sakovits ('18)	1/21 – Rita Rehling ('93), George Kinek ('95)
1/5 – Lawrence Killo ('06), James Noti ('11)	1/22 – Kathleen Oswald ('15)
1/6 – Patricia Sokolsky ('07), Ernest John ('20)	1/24 – Anthony Cerulli ('05), Leslie Baker ('16)
1/7 – Martin C. Keppel ('99)	1/25 – Helen Mailander ('06)
1/9 – Edward Emery ('10)	1/26 – Martin "Marty" Keppel ('18), Donald Stout ('10), Patricia Nighan ('13)
1/10 – Joseph Piccerillo ('17)	1/27 – Geraldine 'Gerry' Christopher ('19)
1/11 – Elaine Biasiotto ('05), Ethel Mazurek ('13)	1/28 – Richard Perkins ('13)
1/12 – Esther Chorney ('04), Dylan Hoang ('16)	1/29 – Thomas Verholy ('04), Geraldine Wertman ('17)
1/13 – Catherine Marushak ('04), Arthur & Evelyn Rice ('07)	1/30 – Maria Stout ('17)

JANUARY	SUNDAY	
31	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME †9AM – Joseph Walles R/B Rudy & Esther Györy †Ryan Zawada R/B Joe & Diana Zawada †11AM – Rheta Botteon R/B The Sander Family †Evelyn Chervanak R/B Chuck & Linda Smith	
	FEBRUARY	MONDAY
	1	♦8AM – Mass for the People of the Parish
	TUESDAY	
2	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD †8AM – OLHC Memorial Fund	
	WEDNESDAY	
3	†8AM – Lou Hershman R/B A Friend 6PM – Confirmation – St. Elizabeth's, Whitehall	
	THURSDAY	
4	†8AM – Betty Henry R/B Bernadette Potetz	
	FRIDAY	
5	ST. AGATHA †8AM – Malits & Venditto Families R/B Rosanne Venditto	
	SATURDAY	
6	No Masses	
	SUNDAY	
7	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME †9AM – Virginia Osborne R/B Rosanne Venditto †11AM – William & Katie Reisinger R/B Ruth Reisinger	

Birthday * Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial †

APOLOGIES

The Masses for 1/24 for Ryan Zawada (9AM) and Evelyn Chervanak (11AM) were mixed up with 1/31 Masses. They will be celebrated this week in addition to Joseph Walles (9AM) and Rheta Botteon (11AM)

ENTRANCE – MORNING HAS BROKEN

Verse 1: Morning has broken like the first morning, Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing; praise for the morning; Praise for them, springing fresh from the word.

Verse 2: Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, Sprung in completeness where God has passed.

INTRODUCTORY RITE | PENITENTIAL RITE | ABSOLUTION | THE READINGS

READING 1

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

READING 2

GOSPEL

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OFFERTORY – WHEN WE ARE LIVING

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God, we belong to God.

Pues si vivimos, para el vivimos, y si morimos para el morimos.
Sea que vivamos o que muramos, somos del Señor, somos del Señor.

INVITATION TO PRAYER | EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER | THE PREFACE DIALOGUE | LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION – BLEST ARE THEY

Verse 1: Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Verse 2: Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst, they shall have their fill.

Verse 3: Blest are they who show mercy, mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God.

Verse 4: Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs.

COMMUNION | CONCLUDING RITES | PRAYER OF ST. MICHAEL

RECESSIONAL – GOD'S BLESSING SENDS US FORTH

Verse 1: God's blessing sends us forth, strengthened for our task on earth,
Refreshed in soul and renewed in mind. May God with us remain, through us the Spirit reign,
That Christ be known to humankind.

Verse 2: God's news in spoken word joyfully our hearts have heard;
O may the seed of God's love now grow, May we in fruitful deeds gladly serve others' needs,
That faith in action we may show.

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