FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 19, 2021

Our Lady Help of Christians Church

Allentown, Pennsylvania | A Roman Catholic Parish Community

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

We are now twinned with Saints Simon & Jude

PASTOR

Reverend Monsignor William F. Baver,
Th.M., M. Div., CCCE, KCHS

PERMANENT DEACONS

Deacon Reuben H. Hartzell

Deacon Jeffrey R. Trexler,
KCHS, Ph.D., Ch.D.

RECTORY STAFF

Elaine Mitchell - *Bulletin/Parish Secretary*
Carol Ann Reinert (SSJ) - *Bookkeeper*

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

M-W 9:30AM-4:30PM
Thursday 10:30AM-2:30PM

After 4:30 or in an emergency
call SSJ at 610-866-5582
(x4 for Monsignor Baver)

VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

Wendy Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC
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(Direct Line)

SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR

Pamela Russo, MSW, MS
prusso@allentowndiocese.org
610-871-5200, Ext 2204

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

MASSES (AT OLHC AND SSJ)

Monday – Wednesday – 8AM at OLHC
Tuesday – Thursday – 8AM at SSJ
Friday or Saturday – 8AM (Alternating) at SSJ
Call 610-866-5582 X7 weekly to check

Saturday – 5PM at Saints Simon & Jude
Sunday – 9AM at Saints Simon & June
11AM at Our Lady Help of Christians

Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is a time of togetherness when families unite to celebrate the new life gained through the birth of Jesus Christ. The celebration of Christmas Mass will occur at our parish Christmas Eve at 6:00 P.M. Mass will be celebrated on Christmas Day at 11:00 A.M. There will be no Mass on Christmas night.

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph will be celebrated Sunday at 11:00 A.M. on December 26.

May the Joy of Christmas be with all of you!

Monsignor Baver

SACRAMENTAL AND PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

In order to receive any Sacraments or sponsor certificates, you must be a REGISTERED PARISHIONER. Please see Monsignor Baver after Mass to register.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Confession is every Saturday from 4PM to 4:45PM at Saints Simon and Jude Church in Bethlehem.

SACRAMENT TO THE HOMEBOUND/SICK

Communion calls are typically done the first week of the month. Notify the Rectory when a parishioner is in the hospital or ill at home to receive the Eucharist and Anointing of the Sick, or be listed on our Communion Calls.

AMAZON SMILES AND VENMO

Please look for us as *Our Lady Help of Christians Church* (make sure it says "Allentown, PA") and set us as your charity under smile.amazon.com. For Venmo (online payment), we are OlhcAllentown-Church, four digits 7439 (if it's your first payment).

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

For registered parishioners, preparation should begin one year, but no less than six months, prior to the proposed date of marriage.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are held for registered parishioners following the 11AM Mass. Parents should see Monsignor Baver after Mass.

CEMETERIES

To arrange a Christian burial, please contact the following cemeteries:

Holy Savior Cemetery: 610-866-2372 X1
Resurrection Cemetery: 610-395-3819 X1

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 continuity as well as the mission of OLHC, please

Season's Greetings! We are pleased you have come (or come back) to Our Lady Help of Christians for this holiday season and hope you will soon call this faith community your home. All are welcome at OLHC!

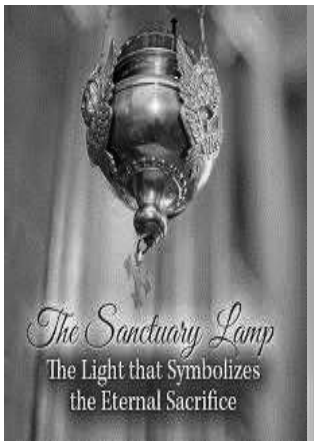
Sunday Offerings, including Second Collections and Eofferings:

Bulletin submitted early due to holiday

Thank you to all who contributed to our multiple collections in support of our Church!

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

12/19	Andrew Baladi
12/20	Robert Smith
12/23	Altagracia Peguero
	Migdalia Cruz
12/24	Alice Werkeiser
	Stephen Terplan
	Leida Rosario
12/25	Mary Corazza (96!)
	Cecilia Perkins (92!)
	Kathy Godshall

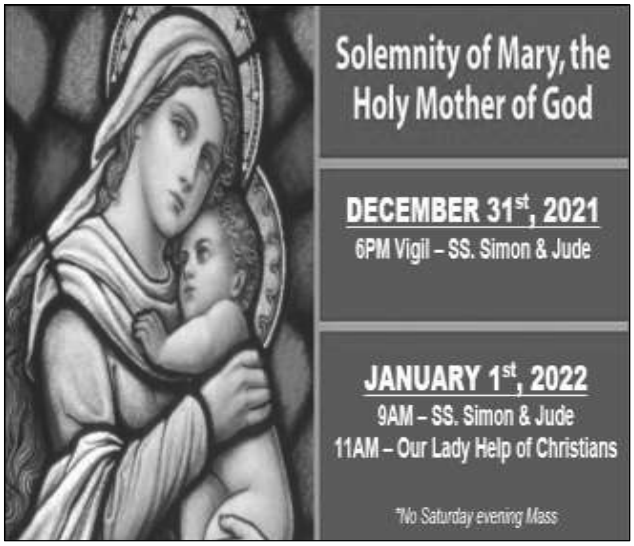


DECEMBER 19th – DECEMBER 25th

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns in Memory of:

Daniel Klase & Mary Yencik

Requested by Klase Family



DECEMBER	SUNDAY
	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT **9AM Mass at SS. Simon & Jude**
19	**11AM ✞Vittorio, Tom & Claudio Lonardo** **R/B Family** **✞Mary Jane Kochanasz** **R/B Sisters of Christian Charity**
	MONDAY
20	**8AM – ✞Rudolph Potetz** **R/B Bernadette Potetz** **✞Jackie Klase** **R/B Vicky & Don Wasco**
	TUESDAY
21	**8AM Mass at Saints Simon & Jude**
	WEDNESDAY
22	***8*AM – ✞Aaron Yocum** **R/B Ed and Janice Curran** **✞Kay Anfuso** **R/B Bernadette Potetz**
	THURSDAY
23	**8AM Mass at Saints Simon & Jude**
CHRISTMAS EVE	**FRIDAY**
24	**4PM Mass at Saints Simon & Jude** **6PM Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians**
CHRISTMAS DAY	**SATURDAY**
25	**9AM Mass at Saints Simon & Jude** **11AM Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians**
	. SUNDAY
	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH **9AM Mass at Saints Simon & Jude**
26	**11AM ✞Terry Blyskal** **R/B Adrian & Gail Cazassus** **✞Jackie Klase** **R/B Mary Psarsky**

Birthday ✷ Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial ✞

DAN SCHANTZ GIFT CARD PICKUP IS TODAY

Don't forget to pick up your cards after Mass today!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED SOULS WHO PASSED AWAY IN DECEMBER	
12/1 - Carol Kopishke ('01), Francis Falatek ('05) Myron Schweibinz ('06), Margaret Boyer ('12)	12/15 – Catherine Shankweiler ('08), Jennie Keglovitz ('12)
12/2 – Joseph Ganguzza ('06), Theresa Roth ('17), John Booros ('18), Francie Micek ('20), Aaron Yocum ('21)	12/17 – Carl Stroble ('14) 12/19 – Evelyn Czor
12/3 – Stephen Rengert ('07), Agnes Novak ('11), Daniel Klase ('17), Helen Sverha ('19)	12/20 – Alois "Louie" Kropf ('03), Dorothy Burick ('13)
12/5 – Helen Worman ('06), Mary Young ('07)	12/21 – Virgil Biasiotto ('01), Gloria Anfuso ('09), Ann Snyder ('13), Joseph Long ('17)
12/6 – Ann John ('00), Janet Garger ('16), Kathryn Vastyshak ('21)	12/22 – George Hart ('77), John Gaspar ('00), James Duffy ('05)
12/7 – Rose Venditto ('09)	12/26 – Edward Bushner
12/8 – Mary Wiener ('00), Richard Buchanin ('04), Jeffrey Hart ('15)	12/27 – Gaetano Riccio ('07), John Spack ('12), Frances Fried ('13), Loretta Rohrbach ('18)
12/10 – Helen Oravec ('93)	12/28 – Nancy Kline ('08)
12/11 – Louis Spironello ('86)	12/29 – Albert Bigatel ('11)
12/13 – Louis Acosta ('10)	12/30 – Anna Marie Smolick ('10), Maryellen Randolph ('11)
12/14 – William Corby	12/31 – John Temmel, Sr. ('07)

OUR SANCTUARY LAMP

It has long since been the custom of the Church to set aside a small portion of the consecrated bread and wine for emergency use in ministering to the sick or dying. This "Reserved Sacrament" as it is called, is usually stored in one of two places - in a Tabernacle (a cupboard usually built into the front center of the altar upon which the cross is usually placed, although at OLHC it is to the left facing the main altar), or in an Aumbry (a cupboard built into the wall of the sanctuary, close to the altar). Furthermore, it has been the custom of the Church to have a candle burning (symbolic of the Light of Christ) above the Tabernacle or Aumbry whenever the sacrament is present.

Under normal circumstances, the only time the candle would be extinguished would be at the conclusion of the Holy Thursday Eucharist, when all the remaining sacrament is consumed. (The bread and wine are never consecrated on Good Friday). The candle remains unlit (darkened - symbolic of the apparent victory of darkness over light) until the first celebration of the Resurrection on either Easter Eve or Easter morning.

The Sanctuary lamp utilizes a seven-day candle, which we maintain (some of you may have seen Monsignor Baver on a ladder lighting it!). It is first lighted from the "New Fire" struck on Easter Eve for the Paschal Candle and then transferred to the candle in the Sanctuary Lamp. Each week, as the candle is exchanged for a new one, the "Light" is also transferred.

An opportunity exists for the sanctuary candle to be lit as either a thank-you offering or a memorial and remain burning in the church for the week. The name(s) of those being remembered or thanked are listed in the Sunday bulletin.

The cost for donating a candle for the week is $10.00. We now have order forms in the back of the Church that you can include with your offering. This will start for the new year of 2022.

The Winter Warmup festivities have commenced and our mailing went out! For only $10 per ticket, the lucky ticket owner has several opportunities to win cash prizes. The number on the ticket needs to match the daily PA lottery evening drawing during the month of February 2022.

***For every 4 tickets sold, you (the seller) get a free ticket…and when you sell all 7 tickets, you receive two free tickets.* These can make great gifts or stocking stuffers!**

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or call 800-276-1562.

ANGELUS

OTHER NEWS

This is the last Sunday of our preparation for Christmas, the anniversary of Christ's birth. Like Joseph, we can all feel unworthy of the honor of welcoming Him into our hearts and our homes, not because we have little of this world's goods, but because we have so little humility, so little charity, so little faith and trust in God's goodness. Let us try to imitate Joseph and Mary, the humblest of the humble, the kindliest of the kindly, and the greatest-ever believers in God's goodness and mercy. As we approach the celebration of Christmas, offer thanks to God this week for the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ. Take time in prayer to give thanks for the blessings you have been given, especially the gift of salvation. Merry Christmas to all our parishioners!

CATHOLIC TOUR & PILGRIMAGETO ITALY AND SICILY
WITH FR. GEORGE WINNE

Thirteen (13) days (May 15 - 27, 2022). Begin with 3 days in Rome, which includes the General Papal Audience, and then continues to places like Naples, Capri, and five (5) days in Sicily. The cost of $4,695 includes everything including breakfast and dinner every day. For questions, contact Fr. George at padrejorge83@gmail.com or on Facebook. A fun time will be had by all!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall
924 N. Front Street Allentown PA 18102
Friday December 31, 2021

New Year's Eve Celebration Featuring CHASBAND
6:30 PM dinner, 9:30 -12:30 AM Music!
Tickets are $30.00/person for dinner/music, BYOB
Seating is limited – Advanced Tickets ONLY –
Deadline is December 15, 2017
Reservations Call Bill Drost 610-432-3505
Tickets available in the rectory Monday-Friday 8 AM – 3 PM

BONANZA BINGO IS BACK!!!

St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall
924 N. Front Street Allentown PA 18102

Sunday December 19, 2021

$15.00 for 20 Games, 6 Specials and Lucky 7
Doors and Kitchen Open at NOON
Bingo begins at 1:00 PM
First come – first served seating.
Masks are requested so all feel comfortable.
Bring your daubers – NO HARDBOARDS
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What's My Name?
The **#WHATSMYNAME** Movement asks everyone to simply ask drivers "What's my name?" before entering their vehicle to make sure it is the car they are supposed to enter.
#WHATSMYNAME
In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson

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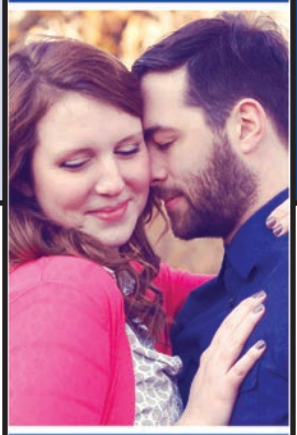

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