Our Lady Help of Christians Church

We are now twinned with Saints Simon & Jude

A Roman Catholic Parish Community

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RECTORY STAFF
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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Wednesday
8AM at Our Lady Help of Christians

Tuesday - Thursday
8AM at Saints Simon & Jude

Friday or Saturday
8AM (Alternating) at Saints Simon & Jude.
Call 610-866-5582 x7 weekly to check

Saturday - 5PM at Saints Simon & Jude
Sunday – 9AM at SS&J / 11AM at OLHC

VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR
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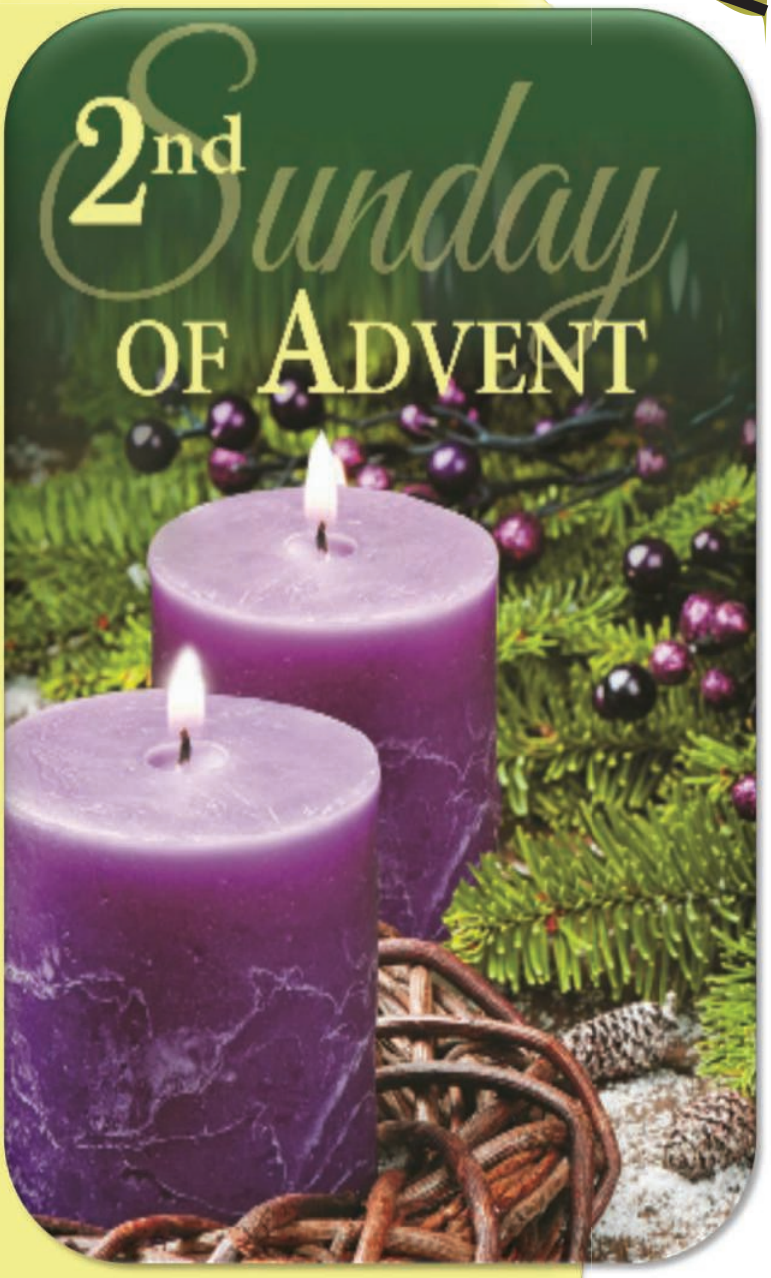

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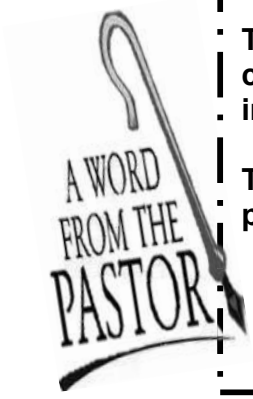


Dear Parishioners,

The Penance Service for Advent will occur on Tuesday December 13 at 7:00 P.M. at Saints Simon & Jude Church.

The Giving Tree for Advent, by Diocesan request, now seeks the donations of gift cards rather than actual items for infants. Donations can be placed in the rectory or in a container properly marked in the church.

The four candles of Advent speak of our journey to Christmas. May our time of preparation lead us to a renewed celebration of the Nativity this year.

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

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. *We are no longer taking Venmo as we are locked out of our account.*

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:

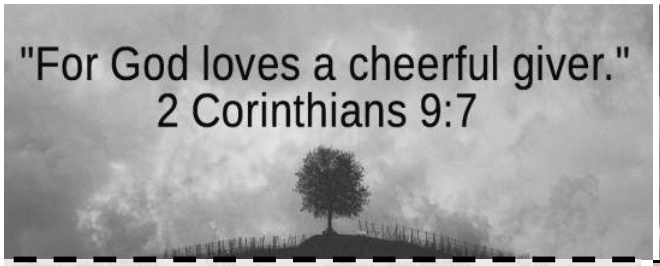
Holy Savior Cemetery: 610-866-2372 X1
Resurrection Cemetery: 610-395-3819 X1

LEGACY

Gifts provided through wills and personal trusts can make such a difference in the continued operation of our Parish, enabling 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 consider this.

<u>Advent Penance Service</u>
Will be at Saints Simon and Jude this year!

December 13th
7:00pm



Sunday Offerings, including Census, Second Collections and Eofferings:

11/20 –$2,581
11/27 - $3,832

Thank you to those who always "catch up" with their weekly envelopes. Our Second Collection next week is for Retirement Fund for Religious. We appreciate your generosity.

From
Saturday December 4
to
Sunday December 10
Our Sanctuary Lamp Burns

In Memory of
Potetz Family
Requested By
Potetz Family

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

12/4 Luz Sanchez
John Guzley
Steven Weed
Rudy Guzley

12/6 Barbara Oravec
Marianne Pagano

12/9 Solange Williams

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

David & Karen Adams
Married 12/10/1993
Our Lady Help of Christians

May your marriage continue to be showered with all God's richest blessings!

SUNDAY

04

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
11AM – ✞Anna Duc Thi Bui Nguyen
R/B Lulu Borrero

✞Janet Garger
R/B Michael J. Garger

MONDAY

05

8AM – ✞Hilton Rodriguez
R/B Lulu Borrero

✞Rose Venditto
R/B Rosanne Venditto

—NO 8AM MASS—
TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

—6PM VIGIL MASS—
AT SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

08

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE B.V.M.

Holy Day of Obligation
9AM Mass at OLHC
For the People of the Parish
Celebrant: Msgr. John Martin

12:05PM at Saints Simon & Jude

FRIDAY

09

8AM Mass at Saints Simon & Jude

SATURDAY

10

8AM Mass at Saints Simon & Jude
5PM Mass at Saints Simon & Jude

SUNDAY

11

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
11AM – ✞Theresa Scully
R/B John & Kathy Guzley

✞Helen Oravec
R/B Joseph & Barbara Oravec

Birthday ✷ Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial ✞

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), Jack Booros ('18), Francine Micek ('20), Aaron Yocum ('21)	12/17 – Carl Strobl ('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)	12/24 – Rose Gilly ('21)
12/8 – Mary Wiener ('00), Richard Buchanin ('04), Jeffrey Hart ('15)	12/26 – Edward Bushner
12/10 – Helen Oravec ('93)	12/27 – Gaetano Riccio ('07), John Spack ('12), Frances Fried ('13), Loretta Rohrbach ('18)
12/11 – Louis Spironello ('86)	12/28 – Nancy Kline ('08)
12/13 – Louis Acosta ('10)	12/29 – Albert Bigatel ('11)
12/14 – William Corby	12/30 – Anna Marie Smolick ('10), Maryellen Randolph ('11)
	12/31 – JosephTemmel, Sr. ('07)

NEXT WEEK COLLECTION IS FOR THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Senior Catholic sisters and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

The Second Week of Advent reminds us that living an upright life alone is not enough. We must submit ourselves in humility to the will of God. On the Second Sunday, the Gospel reading recalls the preaching of John the Baptist, who came to "prepare the way of the Lord."

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 of 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 to have a candle burning (symbolic of the Light of Christ) above the Tabernacle 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 Even or Easter morning.

The Sanctuary lamp utilizes a seven-day candle. 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 given as either a thank-you or celebration or memorial and remains burning in the Church for the week. The name(s) of those being remembered are listed in the Sunday bulletin. The cost of donating a candle for the week is $10.00. We have order forms in the back of the Church that you can include with your offering.

ANGELUS

HOLY GHOST CHURCH

417 CARLTON AVENUE, BETHLEHEM

German Christmas Market and Tricky Tray
December 10th – 9AM to 6PM December 11th – 9AM to 12NOON

Featuring baked goods, noodles, strudel, jams/jellies, homemade candy and pierogies. Kitchen open for great homemade foods, dine in or take out. All are welcome!

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY MUSIC MINISTRY

Come Ye Lofty
An evening of Advent Music & Prayer

Sunday, December 11 at 5:00 pm
Sung by the Choir of St. Elizabeth

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church
618 Fullerton Avenue, Whitehall, PA
Admission is free; a free-will offering will be taken. Prelude music begins at 4:30

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

924 N. Front St., Allentown

Meat & Bonanza Bingo - Sunday, December 18th.

Bingo prize will be a package of FOUR different MEATS from Kotsch's Meat Market
The specials will still be CASH prizes. There will be a special raffle for a 42" Roku TV ONLY sold to people present at the Bingo
$15.00 for 20 Games, 6 Specials, and Lucky 7. Roll the dice double special!

Doors and Kitchen Open at NOON
Bingo Begins at 1:00PM

ST. FRANCIS CENTER FOR RENEWAL EVENTS

Bring your family and join the SFCR staff for our Cookie Decorating Day on Sunday, December 11 from 1-2:30 PM. We will provide everything you need - cookies, icing, sprinkles, and more - to create six spectacular cookies. Registration is $15 per adult or adult-child pair and can be found at Cookie Decorating Day at SFCR — St. Francis Center for Renewal (stfrancisctr.org) or at 610-867-8890.

Share a special Sunday with our Sisters and Christmas Choir on Sunday, December 18 from 2-4 PM. This event will take place in the White House Chapel at Monocacy Manor. Freewill offerings accepted, light refreshments served after in our retreat center dining room. Kindly RSVP by December 14 to sfcr-info@stfrancisctr.org or call 610-867-8890.

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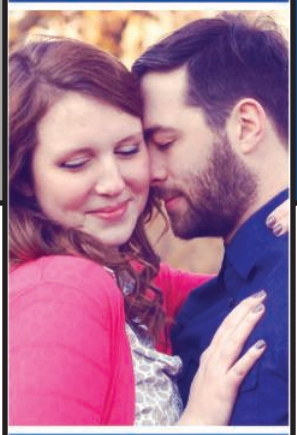

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