

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEXTO DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

FEBRUARY 14, 2021
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OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Allentown, Pennsylvania | Roman Catholic Parish Community



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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

M-W 9AM-4PM | Mask is required.

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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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SAFE ENVIRONMENT 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!

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, 4 digits 1870.



FROM FEBRUARY 14TH
TO FEBRUARY 20TH

The Candle Burns in Loving
Memory of:

**JOHN & JULIA
GYÖRY**

Requested by:
Rudy & Esther Györy

If you would like to receive a summary statement of your 2020 contributions, please put a note with your name in the collection box or call/email the Rectory. You **MUST** include a stamped, SASE with your request or pick the statement up in the Rectory office M-W 9:30 to 4:15. Please give us a few days to get this statement together. We are grateful to all who contributed and especially those who sacrificially support Our Lady Help of Christians throughout the year.

Sister Charlene went through her recent eye surgery well. Please keep her in your prayers as she continues to recover.

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. Si tiene una denuncia de abuso contra un obispo, comuníquese con el Servicio de Denuncias de Abuso de Obispos Católicos en www.ReportBishopAbuse.org o llamando al 800-276-1562.



YOUR STEWARDSHIP HELPS SUSTAIN US

February 7, 2021 –\$2,795

The snow event Sunday certainly impacted attendance. 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.*

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.



Ash Wednesday ashes will be distributed at the following times on February 17th:

8AM Mass ▪ 12:15PM Service ▪ 7PM Mass

UPDATE TO LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN: Several priests in our Diocese have asked the Bishop for permission to use a cotton swab to distribute ashes this year instead of following the directive of the Holy See. His Excellency, Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert has reviewed this request and approved this as a valid option since there would be no contact. Each individual would have a separate cotton swab for the placement on ashes on the forehead.

The prayer "Repent and Believe in the Gospel" remains said only once from the place where the ashes are blessed.

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, a time when Catholics are called to prayer, to fasting, and to almsgiving, which means donating money or goods to the poor, and performing other acts of charity.

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WE WILL RECORD YOUR DONATION(S).**



STATION OF THE CROSS WILL BE AT 6PM ON FRIDAYS STARTING FEBRUARY 19TH.

We will have printed material for you to use. Please, keep this handout and bring with you each week. Should you forget, we will always have extra on hand!

Reading I: Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46

The disease specified as leprosy was in ancient days any rash or scab seen as a contagious skin disease. Only the priest could determine whether or not its victim was worthy of temple worship. Once purified, the victim could reenter the community and worship with it.

Reading II: I Corinthians 10: 31-11:1

The community has the task of evangelization and must make conversion attractive, all the time avoiding obstacles to a prospect's decision. We are called to imitate Christ in our mission of outreach to others not Catholic.

The Gospel: Mark 1: 40-45

Jesus shows remarkable tenderness and compassion in curing the leper. He demands that the cured man obey the community law and go show himself to the priest.



FEBRUARY

SUNDAY

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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†9AM –Helen Oravec

R/B Joseph & Barbara Oravec

†11AM – Maurice Ifill

R/B The Ifill-Sander Family

MONDAY

15

PRESIDENT'S DAY

†8AM – Fred & Sophie Sunderer

R/B Ruth Reisinger

TUESDAY

16

♦8AM – Mass for the People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY

17

ASH WEDNESDAY

†8AM – Sixto Borrero

R/B Lulu Borrero

12:15PM – Service only

7PM – OLHC Memorial Fund

THURSDAY

18

†8AM – Angel & Silva Berrios

R/B Bernadette Potetz

FRIDAY

19

†8AM – Anthony Gravante

R/B Bernadette Potetz

SATURDAY

20

No Masses

SUNDAY

21

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

†9AM –The Schumann Family

R/B Nanette & Dolores Gillette

†11AM – Evelyn Chervanek

R/B Chuck & Linda Smith

Birthday * Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial †

Father Rich would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes and prayers on his recent birthday. You remain in his prayers.

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY!

2/14 Violet Lagosky, Kelly Mullin

2/15 Norman Olsen

2/16 Jean Klein, Michael Kochanasz, Ashley Chila

2/18 Fay Andrew

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED SOULS WHO PASSED AWAY IN FEBRUARY

2/1 – Matilda Duh ('05), Helen Wreccics ('16)

2/18 – John Prokop ('09), Elizabeth Lysek ('14), Hedwig Toth ('15)

2/2 – Albert Kleinschuster ('02)

2/19 - Herman Drauch ('09), Anna Noga ('16)

2/3 Anna Detweiler ('04), Ronnie Heimbach ('08), Louis Czor ('09)

2/20 – Victoria Fisher ('13)

2/6 – Ronald Fink ('04)

2/21 – Mamdouh Azar ('15)

2/7 – Jean Juretus ('17), Joseph Gabrielle Jr. ('17), Pasquale Dipasquale ('18)

2/22 – Dolores Mizgerd ('13)

2/8 – Karl Lang ('08), Anna Vastyshak ('13)

2/23 – Carl Occelletto ('03), Alois Baumgartner ('06)

2/10 – Ann Bauer ('06)

2/24 – George El Chaar ('11)

2/12 – Angelo Longo ('15)

2/25 – Elizabeth Dillinger ('04), Elizabeth Solt ('10), Edwin Weber ('10), Eleanor Verholy ('13), Leon Brooks, ('15), Edmond Williams ('19)

2/14 – Mary Zweifel ('06), Edward Yurick ('06), Mary Klimek ('18)

2/26 – Joseph Golla ('05)

2/16 – Eva Stroehler ('89), Robert Galowitch ('19)

2/27 – Arthur 'Bud' Phillips (14)

2/17 Frances Hitcho ('07)

2/28 – Cecelia Drauch ('84), Andrew Behum ('02), Lester Beidler ('10)

ENTRANCE – VIRGIN, FULL OF GRACE

Verse 1: Virgin full of grace, purest of our race, Hear your children, O Mary!
Maiden of gladness, banish our sadness: Pray for us, O pray for us, O Mary!

Verse 2: Queen of saints above, wondrous in your love, Rise to shield us, O Mary!
Show us, O Mother, Jesus, our Brother: Pray for us, O pray for us, O Mary!

INTRODUCTORY RITE | PENITENTIAL RITE | ABSOLUTION | THE READINGS

READING 1

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

READING 2

GOSPEL

HOMILY | PROFESSION OF FAITH – NICENE CREED | PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

OFFERTORY – WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL

Verse 1: Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

Verse 2: With grateful joy and holy fear God's charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in return.

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

COMMUNION – HUMBLY WE ADORE YOU

Verse 1: Humbly we adore you, Christ, Redeemer, King; You are Lord of heaven,
you to whom we sing. God, the Mighty, you have come, bearing gifts of grace;
Son of Adam still you are, Savior to our race.

Verse 2: Con devoto anhelo vengo a ti, Senor, Hacia ti me llevan fe, piedad y amor, Tu
grandeza oculta quiero contemplar bajo las especies del vino y del pan.

Verse 3: You who died to save us live now as our light; Though our eyes are blinded, yet our
faith gives sight. Savior, now be merciful, Lamb for sinners slain,
We in grief confess our guilt; cleanse our souls of stain.

Verse 4: Christ, our God and brother, hear our humble plea; By this holy banquet
grant us unity. Make us one in loving you, one in mind and heart,
Till in heaven we are yours, never more to part.

COMMUNION | CONCLUDING RITES | PRAYER OF ST. MICHAEL

RECESSIONAL – CITY OF GOD

Verse 1: Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep! A new day is dawning
for all those who weep. The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Refrain: Let us build the city of God. May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night into day!

Verse 2: We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day. The One who has loved us has
brightened our way. The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
A light for his people to set their hearts free.

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