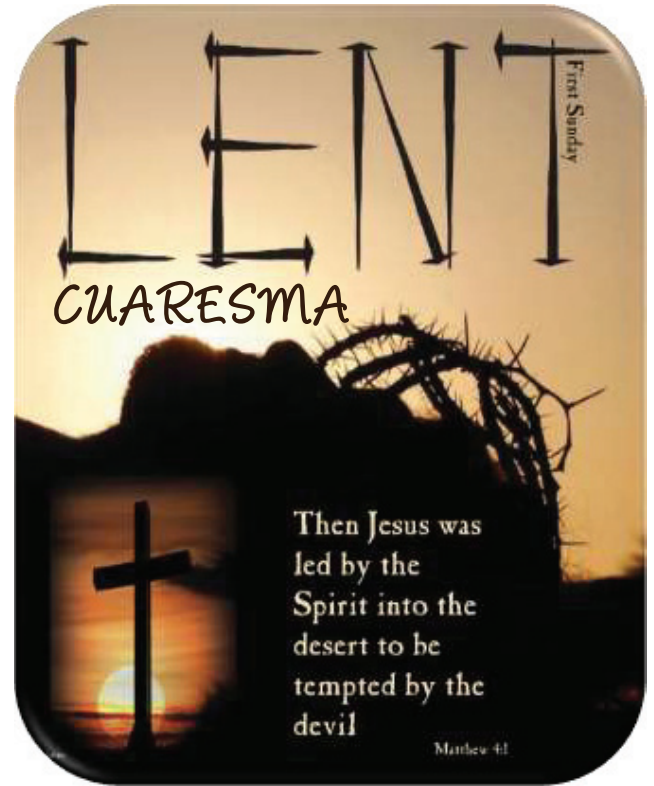


FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
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FEBRUARY 21, 2021
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Allentown, Pennsylvania | Roman Catholic Parish Community



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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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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.



FROM FEBRUARY 21ST
TO FEBRUARY 27TH

The Candle Burns in Loving
Memory of:

HELEN ORAVEC

Requested by:
Joseph & Barbara Oravec

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.

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.

HUNGER IN OUR WORLD Jesus told us that whatever we did for one of these least brothers of his we did for him. Reflect on the challenge of global hunger— it is a reality for millions of our sisters and brothers. What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

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 14, 2021 –\$3,801

TITHING
GIVING BACK
TO GOD

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.

Preparation Reflection
OLHC + + Lent Fasting Sacrifice
Temptation
Stations every Friday night 6PM

Every year millions of people around the world will spend time before Easter praying the Stations of the Cross. By their very nature, the Stations of the Cross and the images associated with them are emotionally charged. The stations reveal the lowest point in Jesus's life. Because of this, they resonate with our experiences of difficult times in our lives. They also echo the tough times that we hold in our memories. In these ways, the stations appeal more to the heart than they do to the head.

When we take Jesus' suffering into us and ponder in our hearts the events he experienced, we are stirred from spiritual sleep. But the point of the exercise is to nudge us into thinking about, as Christians who are supposed to be living in imitation of Christ's life, what the stations indicate about where we are on our own faith journey.

Stations are every Friday night at 6PM through Lent. Come and give thanks to God and ask for help in becoming more aware of the crosses that everyone carries in life. Come for your own personal journey.

DO YOU HAVE A GIFT CARD THAT YOU KNOW YOU'LL NEVER USE?



---GIVE THE GIFT OF GOOD---
DONATE IT TO OUR PARISH!

Your new, unused gift card will be put to good use for one of our upcoming fundraisers!

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
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WE WILL RECORD YOUR DONATION(S).**

RICE BOWL

Our Diocese suggests that all parishes participate in the annual Catholic Relief Service's "Operation Rice Bowl Program" during the season of Lent.

While we do have the bowls available for distribution on the table at back of church and encourage you to make this a family penitential practice, we will have a dedicated collection on March 7th for the Rice Bowl (in your pack of envelopes) should you wish to contribute that way instead.

All proceeds will go to benefit the good work of Catholic Relief Service throughout the world.

Reading I: Genesis 9: 8-15

God's surmounting promise after the devastating flood was never again to bring another one to the earth. The sign of this new covenant was to be "the rainbow in the clouds."

Reading II: I Peter 3: 18-22

The great flood in Genesis "prefigured baptism." These later sacramental waters bring salvation for us through the death of Christ.

The Gospel: Mark 1: 12-15

The testing of Jesus by Satan in the water-less desert and the summary of His teaching lead to Our Lord's power soon to be on display in Galilee.



GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY!

2/21 Yvelisse Baez de Rodriguez

2/22 Jean Solt (90!), Joseph Baladi

2/23 Desteny Jerez

2/26 Vanessa Heimbach

2/27 Kathryn Gabrielle

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED SOULS WHO PASSED AWAY IN FEBRUARY

2/1 – Matilda Duh ('05), Helen Wrecsics ('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 Occhetto ('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)

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

†9AM – The Schumann Family
R/B Nanette & Dolores Gillette

†11AM – Evelyn Chervanek
R/B Chuck & Linda Smith

MONDAY

22

THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

†8AM – Fred & Sophie Sunderer
R/B Ruth Reisinger

TUESDAY

23

♦8AM – Mass for the People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY

24

♦8AM – Health of Joseph Nichols
R/B Paul & Barbara Yost

THURSDAY

25

†8AM – Joseph & Mary Wiener
R/B Tom & Maribeth Ward

FRIDAY

26

†8AM – Angel & Silva Berrios
R/B Bernadette Potetz

SATURDAY

27

No Masses

SUNDAY

28

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

†9AM – Betty Henry
R/B Bernadette Potetz

†11AM – Special Intention
R/B A Friend

Birthday * Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial †

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ENTRANCE – THESE FORTY DAYS OF LENT

Verse 1: These forty days of Lent, O Lord, with you we fast and pray;
Teach us to discipline our wills and follow, Lord, your way.

Verse 2: As thirst and hunger you have known, so teach us gracious Lord,
To die to self and only live by your most holy word.

INTRODUCTORY RITE | PENITENTIAL RITE | ABSOLUTION | THE READINGS

READING 1

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

READING 2

GOSPEL

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

OFFERTORY – WERE YOU THERE?

Verse 1: Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh! _____ Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Verse 2: Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh! _____ Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

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

COMMUNION – PAN DE VIDA

Pan de Vida cuerpo del Señor, cup of blessing, blood of Christ the Lord.
At this table the last shall be first, poder es servir, porque Dios es amor.

Verse 1: We are the dwelling of God, fragile and wounded and weak.
We are the body of Christ, called to be the compassion of God.

Verse 2: Ustedes me llaman "Señor," me inclino a lavarles los pies.
Hagan lo mismo, humildes, sirviendose unos a otros.

Verse 3: You call me Teacher and Lord; I, who have washed your feet.
So you must do as I do, so the greatest must become the least.

COMMUNION | CONCLUDING RITES | PRAYER OF ST. MICHAEL

RECESSIONAL – O SACRED HEAD, SURROUNDED

Verse 1: O sacred head, surrounded by crown of piercing thorn! O bleeding head, so wounded, reviled and put to scorn! Our sins have marred the glory of your most holy face, Yet angel hosts adore you, and tremble as they gaze.

Verse 2: The Lord of every nation was hung upon a tree; His death was our salvation, our sins, his agony. O Jesus, by your Passion, Your life in us increase; Your death for us did fashion our pardon and our peace.

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