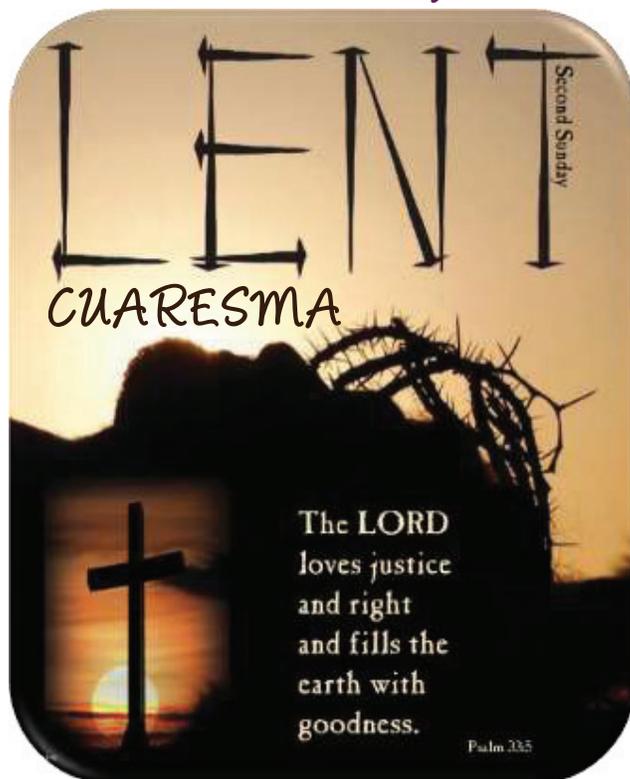


SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

FEBRUARY 28, 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

First Friday Communion calls are done the first week of the month. Please call the Rectory for arrangements.

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.*

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.

BETTER MEALS IN MADAGASCAR In Madagascar, half of all children are undernourished. That means 50% of kids won't grow to reach their full potential. But communities are changing this by focusing on improving health and nutrition. What role has food played in your life? How can you help those who lack access to enough nutritious food? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

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 CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

Only Catholics who are fully-initiated, regularly attending Mass and, if married, done so validly in the Roman Catholic Church will receive Certificate of Eligibility. Just call the Rectory. *You must be actively attending Church for at least (3) months.*

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 consider this. Thank you!

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, our 2nd envelope collection next week is for the Rice Bowl if you wish to contribute that way. All proceeds go to benefit the good work of Catholic Relief Service throughout the world.

NEXT WEEK'S COLLECTION (3/7) IS FOR THE RICE BOWL

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 21, 2021 –\$3,439

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.*

During these trying times, thanks so much to our loyal parishioners who continue to turn in their weekly envelopes. We thank parishioners who use their 2nd collection envelopes too! Our most important 2nd collection is Building Fund, as so many things go wrong with large, physical structures like our Church, and your offering helps us be good stewards in maintaining our beautiful building.

Offering Envelopes



We know some parishioners like to put loose cash in each week. We want you to know that envelopes do more than pay our bills. Perhaps you need an eligibility form to be a sponsor, are getting married in the parish, or baptizing a child (see requirements on Page 1). Envelopes let our staff know about your presence in the Church every week. Unfortunately, we do have people ask for forms and services with absolutely no envelope existence, which we cannot fill out.

But, for the most part, using your envelope is for your convenience and for recording by the parish secretary so you can have a tax statement at the end of the year. We live in a country that gives tax breaks for charitable donations. Consequently, accurate records of your offering through envelopes helps to make the bookkeeping a lot easier for all those involved. There are numerous requests in January and February for tax statements, and having an envelope system where envelopes are numbered and attached to a certain family helps making answering those requests easy.

It is in the parish's best interest to be able to provide that service because people will give more if they are able to have an accurate accounting of their donations for tax purposes. That's why envelopes are standard operating procedure at parishes. Thank you for using them!



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 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.

2/28/21 - WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR GIFT CARDS!

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

Your gift card will be put to good use for one of our upcoming fundraisers! Just put the card in an envelope and drop it in the collection box, or through our mail slot on Jasper Street.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



Reading I: Genesis 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
 Yahweh gives Abraham the ultimate test, that of sacrificing his favorite son Isaac. Observing Abraham's unquestioning obedience, Yahweh calls off the killing, accepting the sacrifice of a nearby ram. He also promises Abraham abundant rewards, including the growth of a great people as his descendants.

Reading II: Romans 8: 31b-34
 St. Paul provides his readers a solid basis for their hope, specifying along the way the unique power of Jesus' intercession for us with His Father. He also asks "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

The Gospel: Mark 9: 2-10
 The transfiguration of Jesus was such a dazzling experience for Peter that he nervously proposes setting up three tents so that the three persons from the world beyond could stay and prolong it. But immediately after, Jesus brings the three apostles down to earth to complete their earthly mission.

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY!	
3/2	Jame Raduj
3/4	Lulu Borrero, Cynthia Bolash
3/5	Mary Ann Yocum,
3/6	Emma Bray, Kathleen Rosenberger, Marco Mesen

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED SOULS WHO PASSED AWAY IN FEBRUARY	
<u>2/1</u> – Matilda Duh ('05), Helen Wreacsics ('16)	<u>2/18</u> – John Prokop ('09), Elizabeth Lysek ('14), Hedwig Toth ('15)
<u>2/2</u> – Albert Kleinschuster ('02)	<u>2/19</u> - Herman Drauch ('09), Anna Noga ('16)
<u>2/3</u> Anna Detweiler ('04), Ronnie Heimbach ('08), Louis Czor ('09)	<u>2/20</u> – Victoria Fisher ('13)
<u>2/6</u> – Ronald Fink ('04)	<u>2/21</u> – Mamdouh Azar ('15)
<u>2/7</u> – Jean Juretus ('17), Joseph Gabrielle Jr. ('17), Pasquale Dipasquale ('18)	<u>2/22</u> – Dolores Mizgerd ('13)
<u>2/8</u> – Karl Lang ('08), Anna Vastyshak ('13)	<u>2/23</u> – Carl Ocelletto ('03), Alois Baumgartner ('06)
<u>2/10</u> – Ann Bauer ('06)	<u>2/24</u> – George El Chaar ('11)
<u>2/14</u> – Mary Zweifel ('06), Edward Yurick ('06), Mary Klimek ('18)	<u>2/25</u> – Elizabeth Dillinger ('04), Elizabeth Solt ('10), Edwin Weber ('10), Eleanor Verholy ('13), Leon Brooks, ('15), Edmond Williams ('19)
<u>2/16</u> – Eva Stroehler ('89), Robert Galowitch ('19)	<u>2/27</u> – Arthur 'Bud' Phillips (14)
<u>2/17</u> Frances Hitcho ('07)	<u>2/28</u> – Cecelia Drauch ('84), Andrew Behum ('02), Lester Beidler ('10)

PMASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY SUNDAY

28
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
 †9AM – Betty Henry
 R/B Bernadette Potetz
 ♦11AM – Special Intention
 R/B A Friend

MARCH MONDAY

01
 †8AM – Catherine Marushak
 R/B Ruth Reisinger
 TUESDAY

02
 ♦8AM – Mass for the People of the Parish
 WEDNESDAY

03
 ST. KATHARINE DREXEL
 †8AM – Rosina Angelone
 R/B Silvana & Michael Ciamacco

THURSDAY

04
 †8AM – Lou Hershman
 R/B A Friend
 FRIDAY

05
 FIRST FRIDAY
 †8AM – Rosa Lilliam Borrero
 R/B Lulu Borrero
 6PM – Stations of the Cross
 SATURDAY

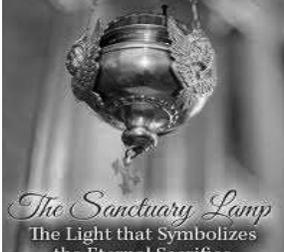


06
 No Masses
 CONFIRMATION
 GOD BLESS OUR CONFIRMANDS
 SUNDAY



07
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
 †9AM – Greg Sado
 R/B Ann Yost
 †11AM – Joey Oravec
 R/B Joseph & Barbara Oravec

Birthday * Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial †



FEBRUARY 28TH - MARCH 6TH

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ENTRANCE – 'TIS GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE

Verse 1: 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night;
Your face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.

Verse 2: 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Your beauty to behold,
Where Moses and Elijah stand, Your messengers of old.

INTRODUCTORY RITE | PENITENTIAL RITE | ABSOLUTION | THE READINGS

READING 1

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

READING 2

GOSPEL

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

OFFERTORY – AT THE CROSS HER STATION KEEPING

Verse 1: At the cross her station keeping, stood the mournful Mother weeping, Close to Jesus to the last.

Verse 2: Que pesar se igualaria A la pena de Maria, Al mirarle agonizar.

Verse 3: Through her soul of joy bereaved, bowed with anguish, deeply grieved,
Now at length the sword has passed.

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

COMMUNION – I RECEIVED THE LIVING GOD

Verse 1: I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy (2X). Jesus said: I am the Bread kneaded long to give you life; You who will partake of me need not ever fear to die.

Verse 2: I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy (2X). Jesus said: I am the Vine, and my branches you shall be; Come and drink the saving cup, till the Kingdom you shall see.

Verse 3: I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy (2X). Jesus said: I am the Way; and my Father longs for you; So I come to bring you home to be one with us anew.

Verse 4: I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy (2X). Jesus said: I am the Truth; if you follow close to me, You will know me in your heart, And my word shall make you free.

Verse 5: I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy (2X). Jesus said: I am the Life far from whom no thing can grow, But receive this bread and cup, and my Spirit you shall know.

COMMUNION | CONCLUDING RITES | PRAYER OF ST. MICHAEL

RECESSIONAL – LORD, LET ME WALK

Verse 1: Lord, let me walk that lonely road with you, under the weight of the wood.
Lord, let me walk that last mile in your shoes, under the weight of the wood.

Refrain: Freedom can be found, laden down, under the weight of the wood.

Verse 2: Lord, let me cool your lips baked like clay, under the weight of the wood.
Dried up like rain on a hot, dusty day, under the weight of the wood.

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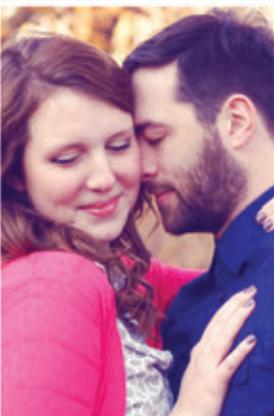
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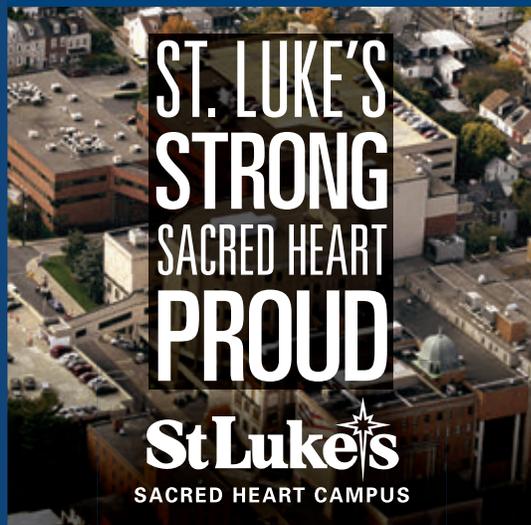
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