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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.

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!



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TO FEBRUARY 13TH

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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

January 31, 2021 –\$3,725

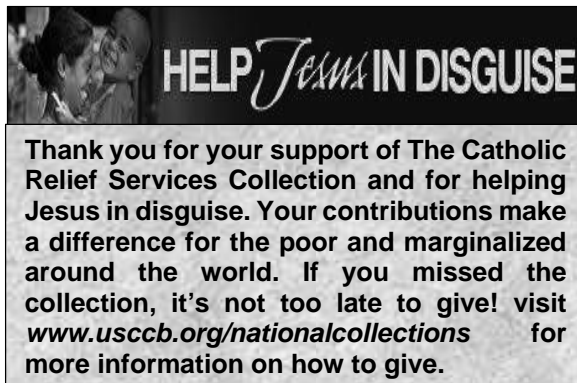
The statement printed above the amount expresses the gratitude felt in response to your continued support and generosity towards our parish. It is your weekly contributions that help sustain us and keep us active. Thanks are extended to those who use envelopes and those who contribute through the Diocese 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.*



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Member since: Jan. 2021

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HELP Jesus IN DISGUISE

Thank you for your support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping Jesus in disguise. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information on how to give.

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.



Ash Wednesday

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

8AM Mass • 12:15PM Service • 7PM Mass

The ritual of receiving ashes will be a little different this year because of the pandemic. *The Vatican has asked priests around the world to sprinkle ashes on the heads of the faithful rather than using the ashes to make the sign of the cross on foreheads.* In addition, the celebrant will say "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" only once, before the distribution of ashes, and will not say it over each recipient.

The idea is to minimize contact, and to eliminate the need for the celebrant to speak near the recipient of the ashes. Sprinkling ashes on the tops of slightly bowed heads, rather than using them to mark foreheads, is not a new practice; it is the norm in many countries of the world.

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.

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.

Reading I: Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

Job temporarily pauses his dialogue with his 3 friends and turns to a lament about human life in general. He mentions 3 proverbially unhappy states in life and shows it is only with dependence on God that man has lasting happiness.

Reading II: I Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23

Preaching is Paul's acknowledged calling as a Christian, so he does not deserve credit for using the gift. His integrity is based on his love for all persons, no matter their situation.

The Gospel: Mark I: 29-39

Jesus cures Peter's mother-in-law so completely that she gets up from bed to serve all in the house. Later, Jesus cures all the people who crowd Peter's door. We learn that the demons knew who Jesus was, but they were silenced by Him. The disciples will gradually come to know Jesus' identity.



GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY!

2/8	Rhonda Schuler
2/10	Elizabeth Strohler, Jean Khoury, Sylvia Rodriguez
2/12	John Bolash
2/13	Rosemary Wreacsics, Robert Angelone

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED SOULS WHO PASSED AWAY IN FEBRUARY

2/1 – Matilda Duh ('05), Helen Wreacsics ('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 Strohler ('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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
✠9AM –Virginia Osborne
R/B Rosanne Venditto
7
✠11AM – William & Katie Reisinger
R/B Ruth Reisinger

MONDAY

8 ST. JEROME EMILIANI; ST. JOSEPH BAKHITA
✠8AM – Sergio Morel
R/B Jose Ramirez

TUESDAY

9 ◆8AM – Mass for the People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY

10 ST. SCHOLASTICA
✠8AM – Angel & Silva Berrios
R/B Bernadette Potetz

THURSDAY

11 OUR LADY OF LOURDES
✠8AM – Joseph Klein
R/B Jean Klein

FRIDAY

12 ✠8AM – Steven Weed
R/B Rosalia Velazquez

SATURDAY

13 No Masses

SUNDAY

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
✠9AM –Helen Oravec
R/B Joseph & Barbara Oravec
14
✠11AM – Maurice Ifill
R/B The Ifill-Sander Family

Birthday ✱ Support ◆ Anniversary ♥ Memorial ✠

REST IN PEACE
Geraldine Lenahan, longtime member of OLHC,
who passed 1/28/21.
May God grant her the joys of eternal life.

ENTRANCE – WE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Verse 1: Blessed are they who are poor in spirit, theirs is the Kingdom of God. Bless us, O Lord, make us poor in spirit; bless us, O Lord, our God. We are the light of the world, may our light shine before all, That they may see the good that we do, and give glory to God.

Verse 2: Blessed are they who are meek and humble, they will inherit the earth. Bless us, O Lord, make us meek and humble; bless us, O Lord, our God. We are the light of the world, may our light shine before all, That they may see the good that we do, and give glory to God.

INTRODUCTORY RITE | PENITENTIAL RITE | ABSOLUTION | THE READINGS

READING 1

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

READING 2

GOSPEL

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

OFFERTORY – YOU ARE MINE

Verse 1: I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, Be still and know I am here.

Verse 2: I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night, I will be your light, Come and rest in me.

Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

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

COMMUNION – YOU ARE A GIFT

You are a gift to me...welcome to my heart. I have missed you so while we've been apart.
You are my salvation. Your absence made me feel How my life was empty.
Your presence is so real.

Refrain: Jesus, thank you for being my Lord, for being my Savior, for being my friend.
Thanks for your constant love, the blessings You send. My heart is full now.
I receive You, Lord, My Savior, my friend.

COMMUNION | CONCLUDING RITES | PRAYER OF ST. MICHAEL

RECESSIONAL – JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE YOU

Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flowers before you,
Opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

Jubilosos, te adoramos, Dios de gloria y Salvador; nuestras vidas entregamos como se abre al sol
la flor. Desvanece nuestros males y tristezas, oh Jesus;
danos bienes celestiales, llenanos de gozo y luz.

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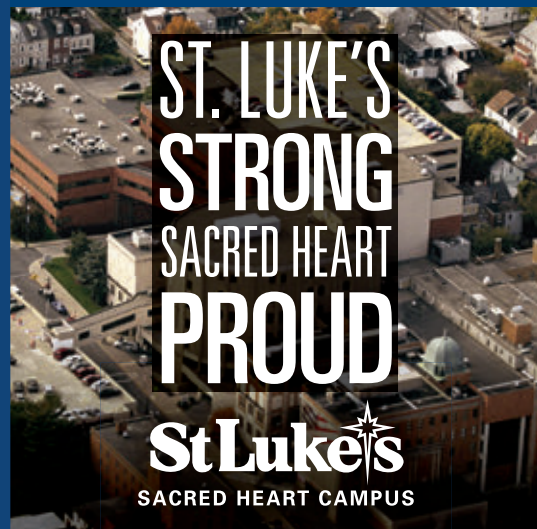
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