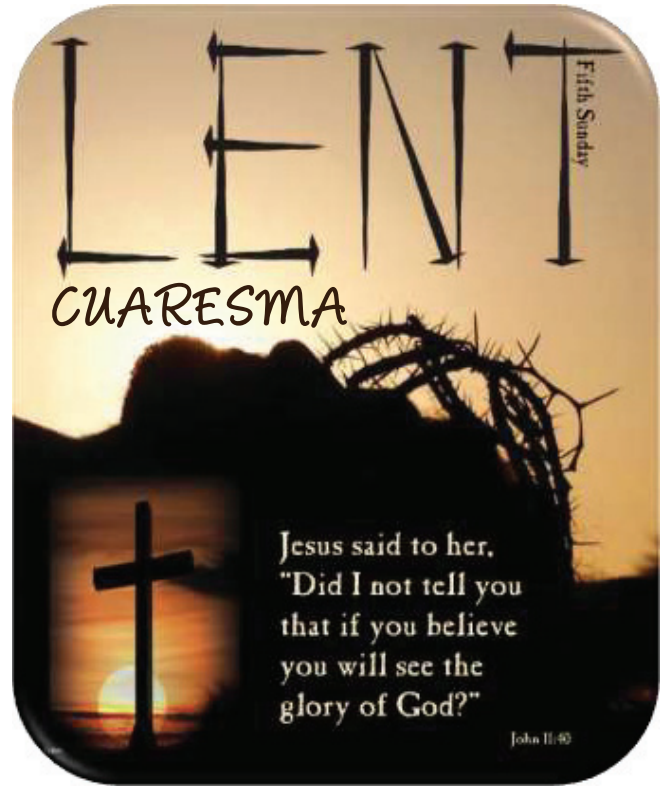


FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
QUINTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

MARCH 21, 2021
21 DE MARZO DE 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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Fr. Rich Brensinger, Karen Adams, Vanessa
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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, 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 3+ months.*

AMAZON SMILE 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, four digits 1870.

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!

EASTER MASS RESERVATION FORM

FAMILY LAST NAME (THIS WILL BE ON LIST): _____

FIRST NAME (HEAD): _____ PHONE AND EMAIL _____

NO. ATTENDING UNDER THIS NAME: _____

RANK 1 THROUGH 5 YOUR ORDER OF PREFERENCE FOR MASS
IF YOU DO NOT HEAR FROM US, YOU RECEIVED YOUR FIRST CHOICE

SAT. 4/3 8PM _____ SUN. 4/4 7:30AM _____ SUN. 4/4 9AM _____

SUN. 4/4 10:30AM _____ SUN. 4/4 12PM _____

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GIVING BACK
TO GOD

YOUR STEWARDSHIP HELPS SUSTAIN US!

Sunday Offerings: \$3,175
Debt Reduction: \$513

Thank you for your continued support. Next week's collection (3/28) is for Liturgical Supplies. This includes altar bread and sacramental wine as well as linens, candles, incense, charcoal, Mass books as well as COVID cleaning and sanitizing supplies.

HOLY WEEK 2021 AT OLHC

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 28
9AM AND 11AM

*PALMS WILL BE
DISTRIBUTED*

HOLY THURSDAY

APRIL 1
7PM MASS
OF THE LAST
SUPPER

8PM - 9PM
ADORATION

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 2
12PM STATIONS OF
THE CROSS

3PM LITURGY OF
THE PASSION OF
THE LORD

HOLY SATURDAY

APRIL 3
12PM BLESSING
OF THE FOOD
(OUTSIDE)

8PM VIGIL MASS

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 4
7:30AM, 9AM,
10:30AM, 12PM

*RESERVATIONS
REQUIRED*

Masks and social distancing will be required.

NEXT WEEK IS PALM SUNDAY. This year, we will have palms available, however there will be no procession. *What Is Palm Sunday?* Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter that begins the Holy Week. It is the day that we remember and celebrate the day Jesus entered into Jerusalem as Savior and King. As Jesus rode a donkey into the town of Jerusalem, a large crowd gathered and laid palm branches and their cloaks across the road, giving Jesus royal treatment. The hundreds of people shouted 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

**LENTEN CONFESSION
DATES**

Sundays
March 21, 28
12PM to 1PM

Tuesdays
March 23, 30
6PM to 7PM

Friday
March 26
5PM to 6PM

Saturday
March 27
9AM to 10AM

"EASTER IS OVER, SEE YOU AT CHRISTMAS!" Google searches for "church" spike during Easter and Christmas seasons. More Americans search for "church" around Easter than at any other time, with the Christmas season usually ranking second. Easter is Christianity's oldest and most important holiday, during which Christians celebrate Jesus' Resurrection three days after he was crucified. In liturgical terms, Easter Sunday is a moveable feast. Its observance, which comes at the end of a 40-day period of penance, fasting and self-examination called Lent, changes within a range of time each spring. The lowest share of searches occurs the week of Thanksgiving each year, and the summer months have consistently low levels of interest in web searches for "church." If you remember from last week's bulletin, the first precept is *Regular Attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation*. Catechism 1389 states "The Church obliges the faithful to take part in the Divine Liturgy on Sundays and feast days and, prepared by the sacrament of Reconciliation, to receive the Eucharist at least once a year, if possible, during the Easter season. But the Church strongly encourages the faithful to receive the holy Eucharist on Sundays and feast days, or more often still, even daily." So, if you see someone new at Easter Mass, give them a smile (behind your mask) and a wave!

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:37-39

Reading I: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

These four verses have been described by scholars as “one of the profoundest and most moving in the entire Bible.” It marks the only time in the Old Testament when the words “new covenant” are used.

Reading II: Hebrews 5: 7-9

Jesus’ call from God makes Him uniquely qualified as one who can sympathize with sinners. His obedience elevated the value of His death.

The Gospel: John 12: 20-33

The Gentile Greeks come seeking Jesus, thus opening a new dimension of evangelization past the Jews and Samaritans. The well-known parable about a grain of wheat Jesus uses to comment on His pending death.

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY!

- 3/21 Aaron Yocum
- 3/22 Veronica Wagner
- 3/25 Savannah Schmidt
- 3/26 Patrick Shea, Patricia Guditus
- 3/27 Isabel Vilca

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED SOULS WHO PASSED AWAY IN MARCH

3/3 – Florence Hein ('20)	3/18 – Margaret Petri ('12), Bernadette Stein ('12), Charles Liko ('15)
3/5 – Richard Bartynski, Jr. ('93)	3/19 – Pauline Rizzotto ('12), Pauline Konrath ('13)
3/6 – Stephen Marth ('09), Joseph Konrath ('14)	3/20 – Bernice Pritchard ('05), Angelo Giancarlo ('17)
3/7 – John Quier, Sr. ('98)	3/21 – Benjamin Couto ('93), Eileen Brooks ('13), Edward Kline ('14), Henry Zeppenfelt ('19)
3/12 – Donald Williamson ('98)	3/22 – Edwin Mailander, Sr. ('00)
3/13 – Ann Marie McInerney ('11), Mary Robertson ('15)	3/24 – Anna Sciarra ('08), Barbara McLaughlin ('11), John Wask ('17)
3/14 – Lena Brader ('95)	3/26 – Steven Novogoratz, ('84), Edward Bertoldi ('13), Edward Strisovsky ('15)
3/15 – Michael Stibrany ('03), Agnes Baumgartner ('05), Elizabeth Schmidt ('11)	3/31 – Vittorio Lonardo ('96), Antoinette Fitzpatrick ('03), Dorothy Martin ('04)
3/16 – Michael Busa ('08), Irene Vietri ('12)	

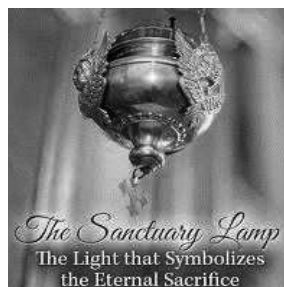
If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or call 800-276-1562.

PMASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY	SUNDAY
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	
21	†9AM – Janet Garger R/B Mike Garger †11AM – Margaret Yenca R/B Paul & Barbara Yost
MARCH	MONDAY
22	†8AM – Elvira Silvestri R/B Silvana & Michael Ciamacco
TUESDAY	
23	♦8AM – Health of Cole Stralo R/B Rosanne Venditto
WEDNESDAY	
24	†8AM – John Wask R/B Richard Mulicka
THURSDAY	
25	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD †8AM – OLHC MEMORIAL FUND
FRIDAY	
26	†8AM – Michaelene Flegler R/B Ann Yost 6PM – Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY	
27	No Masses
SUNDAY	
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD	
28	†9AM – Agnes Goldschmidt R/B Rudy & Esther Györy †11AM – Sabrina Scudieri R/B Dick & Joyce Raffensperger



Birthday * Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial †



MARCH 21ST – MARCH 27TH

The Candle Burns in Loving Memory of:

JOHN GASPER

Requested by
Wife Marie

ENTRANCE – THE GLORY OF THESE FORTY DAYS

Verse 1: The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise;
For Christ, through whom all things were made, Himself has fasted and has prayed.

Verse 2: O Father, Son and Spirit blest, to you be every prayer addressed;
Who are in threefold name adored, from age to age the only Lord.

INTRODUCTORY RITE | PENITENTIAL RITE | ABSOLUTION | THE READINGS

READING 1

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

READING 2

GOSPEL

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

OFFERTORY – WERE YOU THERE?

(DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR ENVELOPES!)

Verse 1: Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (2X) Oh! _____ Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble! Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Verse 2: Vista cuando en la cruz clavado fue? (Dos) Oh! _____ a veces, al pensarlo, tiemblo, tiemblo,
tiemblo! Vista cuando en la cruz clavado fue?

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

COMMUNION – THROUGH THE CROSS OF CHRIST

(Pandemic Healing Through the Stations)

Refrain: Through the Cross of Christ, we will find our way.
Through the Cross of Christ, there will be a brighter day.

Verse 1: Lord, You had a heavy burden. Simon helped you on the way.
Thanks to all who help the many ill. Hear our prayers for them this day.

Verse 2: Lord, You carry Your cross and you fall three times. But, Your courage keeps you
strong. Give us faith and give us hope As these days are very long.

Verse 3: Mary, you were always there at the side of Jesus.
Be with us in these trying times. We know your faith will lead us.

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, must the journey always end this way, under the weight of the wood? How many
times have we nailed you up today, under the weight of the wood?

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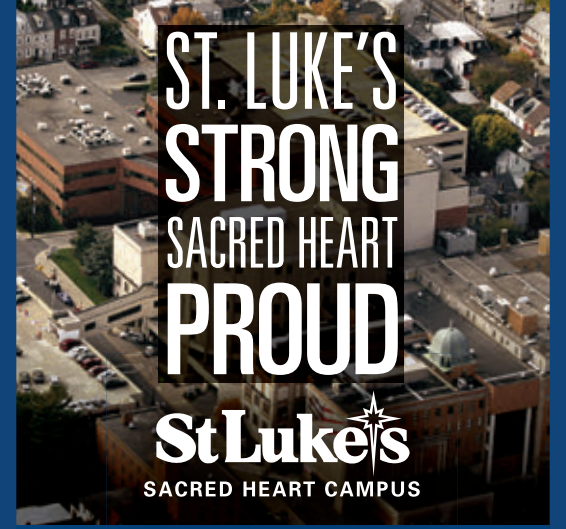
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In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson

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