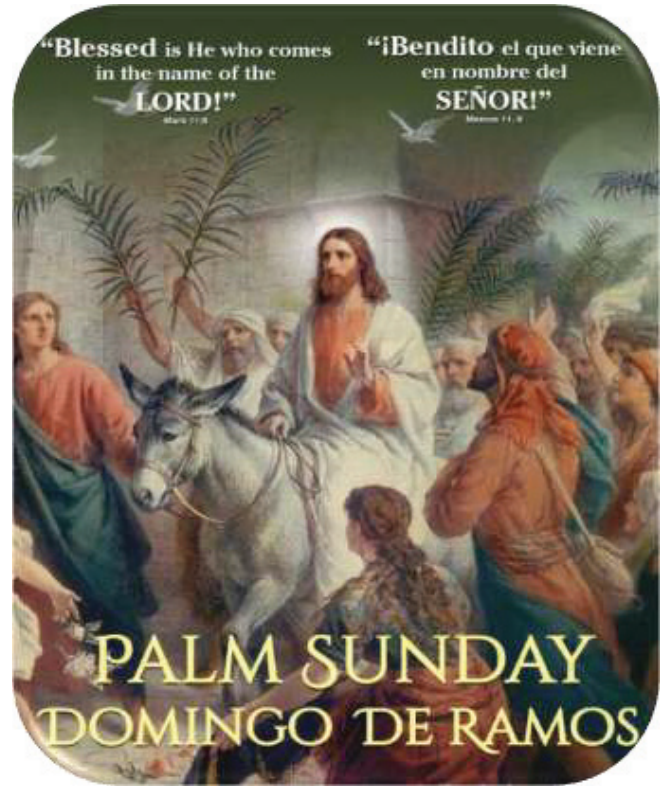


PALM SUNDAY
EL DOMINGO DE RAMOS

MARCH 28, 2021
28 DE MARZO DE 2021

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Allentown, Pennsylvania | Roman Catholic Parish Community



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

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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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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 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, 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 TODAY IS THE LAST DAY

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 _____



YOUR STEWARDSHIP HELPS SUSTAIN US!

Sunday Offerings: \$2,751
Building Fund: \$690

Thank you for your continued support. Next week's 2nd collection (4/4) is for Debt Reduction. This collection will help us meet our obligations from the past. Over the past few years there has been greater expense than income, mainly due to the declining enrollment and eventual closure of our school, which drained a lot of our financial resources to keep it running.

HOLY WEEK 2021 AT OLHC

 <p><u>PALM SUNDAY</u></p> <p>MARCH 28 9AM AND 11AM</p> <p>PALMS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED</p>	 <p><u>HOLY THURSDAY</u></p> <p>APRIL 1 7PM MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER 8PM - 9PM ADORATION</p>	 <p><u>GOOD FRIDAY</u></p> <p>APRIL 2 12PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS 3PM LITURGY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</p>	 <p><u>HOLY SATURDAY</u></p> <p>APRIL 3 12PM BLESSING OF THE FOOD (OUTSIDE) 8PM VIGIL MASS</p>	 <p><u>EASTER SUNDAY</u></p> <p>APRIL 4 7:30AM, 9AM, 10:30AM, 12PM</p> <p>RESERVATIONS REQUIRED</p>
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Masks and social distancing will be required.

WHAT IS MAUNDY (OR HOLY) THURSDAY? Maundy Thursday is the Thursday before Easter, believed to be the day when Jesus celebrated his final Passover with His disciples. Most notably, that Passover meal was when Jesus washed the feet of His disciples in an extraordinary display of humility. He then commanded them to do the same for each other. "Maundy" is a shortened form of mandatum (Latin), which means 'command.' It was on the Thursday of Christ's final week before being crucified and resurrected that He said these words to his disciples: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." (*John 13:34*)

WHAT IS GOOD FRIDAY? For Christians, Good Friday is a crucial day of the year because it celebrates what we believe to be the most momentous weekend in the history of the world. Ever since Jesus died and was raised, Christians have proclaimed the cross and resurrection of Jesus to be the decisive turning point for all creation. Paul considered it to be "of first importance" that Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and was raised to life on the third day, all in accordance with what God had promised all along in the Scriptures (*1 Corinthians 15:3*). On Good Friday we remember the day Jesus willingly suffered and died by crucifixion as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins (*1 John 1:10*). It is followed by Easter, the glorious celebration of the day Jesus was raised from the dead, heralding his victory over sin and death and pointing ahead to a future resurrection for all who are united to him by faith (*Romans 6:5*).

WHAT IS HOLY SATURDAY? Holy Saturday is the day in the Christian liturgical calendar that celebrates the 40-hour-long vigil that the followers of Jesus Christ held after his death and burial on Good Friday and before his resurrection on Easter Sunday. Also taking place this day usually around noon is Blessing of the Food, a festive occasion. Baskets containing a sampling of Easter foods are brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday. Baskets with food are lined with white cloth and decorated with ribbons and green branches or pussy willows. The three-part blessing prayers specifically address the various contents of the baskets, with special prayers for the meats, eggs, cakes and breads.

WHAT IS EASTER? Easter is a very significant date within Christianity and is the foundation of the Christian faith. Jesus, the Son of God, fulfilled prophecy and through his death, has given the gift of eternal life in heaven to those who believe in his death and resurrection.

Reading I: Isaiah 50: 4-7

Like the prophets before him, Isaiah is mistreated and ignored, to the point of having spittle on his face. But his face is strong like flint. A direct reference to Christ's treatment.

Reading II: Philippians 2: 6-11

St. Paul exhorts his readers to selflessness. He quotes from an extant and beautiful hymn of the early Church. It poignantly describes both the abasement and the exaltation of Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Gospel: Mark 14: 1-15:47 or 15: 1-39

The Gospel of Mark has been described by scholars as "A Passion Narrative with a long introduction." Be that as it may, this latter part is key to the rest of the gospel.

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY!

3/28 Carlos Ramirez

3/29 Leah Kissinger

4/1 Mike Garger

4/3 Theodore Petrik

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)	

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MARCH

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

MONDAY

29

†8AM – Frank E. Reisinger
R/B Ruth Reisinger

TUESDAY

30

♦8AM – Mass for the People of the Parish
Last day for confession – 6PM to 7PM

WEDNESDAY

31

†8AM – Ryan Zawada
R/B Diane & Joe Zawada

APRIL

THURSDAY

01

HOLY THURSDAY (No morning Mass)
7PM - Mass of the Last Supper
8PM to 9PM - Adoration

FRIDAY

02

GOOD FRIDAY (No morning Mass)
12PM – Stations of the Cross
3PM – Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

SATURDAY

03

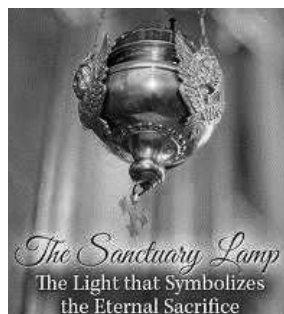
HOLY SATURDAY
12PM - Blessing of the Food (Outside)
8PM - Vigil Mass

SUNDAY

04

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
Masses at 7:30AM, 9AM, 10:30AM AND 11AM
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Birthday ✱ Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial †



MARCH 28TH – APRIL 3RD

The Candle Burns in Loving Memory of:

CLAUDIO & VITTORIO LONARDO

Requested by Family

ENTRANCE – ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

Verse 1: All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King! To whom the lips of children made glad hosannas ring. You are the King of Israel, and David's royal Son, Who in the Lord's name comes now, our King and Blessed One.

Verse 2: All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King! To whom the lips of children made glad hosannas ring. The company of angels are praising you on high; And we, with all creation, in chorus make reply.

INTRODUCTORY RITE | PENITENTIAL RITE | ABSOLUTION | THE READINGS

READING 1

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

READING 2

GOSPEL

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

**OFFERTORY –CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS
*(DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR ENVELOPES!)***

Verse 1: Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon the throne; Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing to Christ, who set us free, And hail him as your heavenly King through all eternity.

Verse 2: A Cristo coronad, Senor de vida y luz; Con alabanzas proclamad Los triunfos de la cruz; A el solo adorad, Senor de salvacion; Looz eterno tributad De todo corazon.

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

COMMUNION – TASTE AND SEE

Refrain: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Verse 1: I will bless the Lord at all times; praise shall always be on my lips.
My soul shall glory in the Lord for God has been so good to me.

Verse 2: Glorify the Lord with me; together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free.

Verse 3: Worship the Lord, all you people; you'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust.

COMMUNION | CONCLUDING RITES | PRAYER OF ST. MICHAEL

RECESSIONAL – LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, Till all the world adore his sacred name.

Verse 1: Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Verse 2: O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, As you have promised, save and set us free.

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In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson

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