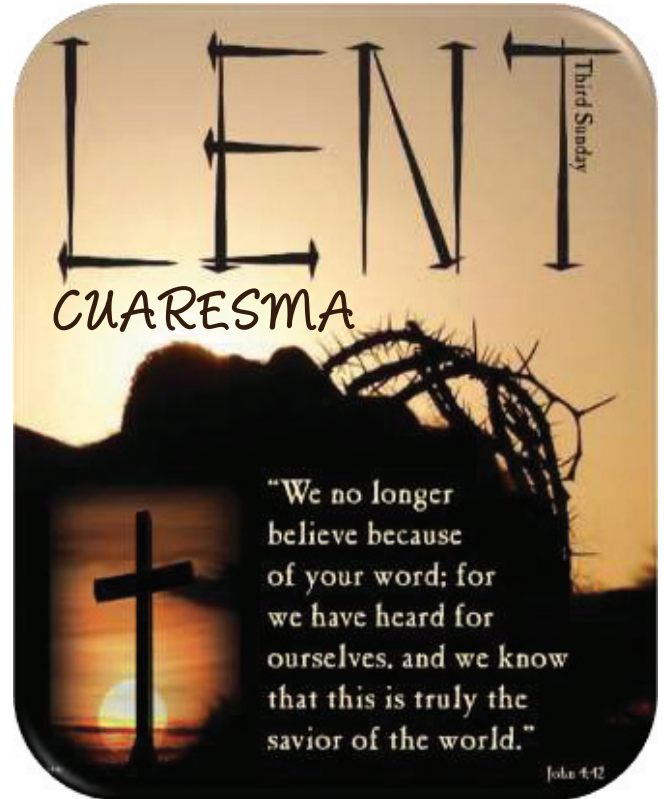


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MARCH 7, 2021  
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## WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

### SERVED BY

Rev. Richard Brensinger (Fr. Rich) – *Administrator*  
Ed Hudak – *Financial Secretary*  
Elaine Mitchell – *Bulletin/Parish Secretary*  
Rosanne Venditto – *Organist*  
Dina Boyer, Carolyn Johnson &  
& Lorraine Lockawich – *Cantors*  
Kathleen Godshall – *Director of Religious Education*

### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

M-W 9AM-4PM | Mask is required.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fr. Rich Brensinger, Karen Adams, Vanessa Heimbach, Carla Ortiz, Richard Raffensperger, Dan Schmidt, Rosanne Venditto

### PARISH FINANCIAL COUNCIL

Fr. Rich Brensinger, Ed Hudak, Jack Bolash, Sheila Breitfeld, Dan Schmidt, Rosanne Venditto

### 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

Wendy Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC  
1-800-791-9209 (Direct Line)

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT 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](http://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, four digits 1870.



Easter flower Honors and Memoriums will be printed in the bulletin on Easter. Submit your envelope by March 27<sup>th</sup> in order for your remembrance to be printed, as the Easter Bulletin gets printed early. Thank you for helping the altar look beautiful!

### 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!

### UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

We had such good feedback that we will have another **Pie Sale** coming this week in time for Easter Pickup. Insert in today's bulletin!

We would appreciate all of our parishioner's support. These fundraisers help keep us going, especially during such a tough time. Stay tuned!

### GIFT CARDS – WE NEED 'EM!

Please send us any of your unused gift cards so we can use them in future fundraising activities. Gift cards will be recorded into your parish record as a tax write-off!

NEXT WEEK'S COLLECTION (3/14) IS FOR DEBT REDUCTION.

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) o llamando al 800-276-1562.



## YOUR STEWARDSHIP HELPS SUSTAIN US!

Sunday Offerings: \$3,760  
Utility Fund: \$468

Thank you for your continued support.

### Offering Envelopes



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 2<sup>nd</sup> collection envelopes too! Our most important 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

We know some parishioners like to put loose cash in each week and we appreciate that. However, 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. That's why envelopes are standard operating procedure at parishes.

\*\*\*\*\*If you are active and tossing loose cash in the offering box, we really appreciate your support! Unfortunately, our parish secretary cannot recognize your activeness or faithfulness in her recordkeeping. In addition, after one year of no envelopes, the database unregisters you from our parish. Being an Active Parishioner (registered) is important if you wish to have a priest sign a church document for you, verifying that you are a practicing Catholic.\*\*\*\*\*

### What does it mean to be an "Active, Practicing Catholic"? You might be surprised!

As early as the fourth century, the Church instructed our members of what is referred to as *The Five Precepts of the Church* which are contained in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC 2041–2043). These tenets describe the minimum effort we must make in prayer and in living a moral life. All Catholics are called to move beyond the minimum by growing in love of God and love of neighbor. The Five Precepts are as follows:

- 1. Regular Attendance** at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (virtually is okay, during the pandemic). Often called the *Sunday Obligation*, this is the way in which Catholics fulfill the Third Commandment: "Remember, keep holy the Sabbath day." We participate in the Mass, and we refrain from any work that distracts us from a proper celebration of Christ's Resurrection.
- 2. Confession** of serious sin at least once a year. Strictly speaking, we only need to take part in the Sacrament of Confession if we have committed a mortal sin, but the Church urges us to make frequent use of the sacrament and, at a minimum, to receive it once each year in preparation for fulfilling our Easter Duty. What is a Mortal Sin? Any serious sin (usually against the 10 Commandments) that is given reflection and committed.
- 3. Reception** of Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter season. Today, most Catholics receive the Eucharist at every Mass they attend, but it wasn't always so. Since the Sacrament of Holy Communion binds us to Christ and to our fellow Christians, the Church requires us to receive it at least once each year, sometime between Palm Sunday and Trinity Sunday.
- 4. Observance** of the days of fast and abstinence. Fasting and abstinence, along with prayer and almsgiving, are powerful tools in developing our spiritual life. Today, the Church requires Catholics to fast only on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and to abstain from meat on the Fridays during Lent. On all other Fridays of the year, we should still perform some other penance in place of abstinence.
- 5. Providing** for the needs of the Church. The Catechism notes that this "means that the faithful are obliged to assist with the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability." In other words, we don't necessarily have to tithe (give ten percent of our income), if we can't afford it; but we should also be willing to give more if we can. Our support of the Church can also be through donations of our time, and the point of both is not simply to maintain the Church but to spread the Gospel and bring others into the Church, the Body of Christ.

**Reading I: Exodus 20: 1-17, or 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17**  
 Yahweh delivers the Ten Commandments by which the Covenant was to be observed and maintained. Unique to Israel is the sanctity of the sabbath.

**Reading II: I Corinthians 1: 22-25**

The "foolishness" of God is a crucified Christ, whom the Jews rejected because of their mistaken idea of a messiah. The Greeks rejected Him because of their rationalism.

**The Gospel: John 2: 13-25**

John places this powerful scene of the Temple cleansing by Jesus at the start of His ministry rather than at the end as the other three gospels do. John sees it as related to Jesus' resurrection.

**GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY!**

3/8	Fouad Baladi
3/10	Aleisha Chila
3/12	David Petrick, Joel Aranda
3/13	Joseph D'Annibale, Dayanara Estevez

**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)	

**Resurrection peace** to Michael Sickonic, a member of OLPH, but our favorite emcee at our Night at the Races events. Our prayers for the Bolash and Yohe families.

**Resurrection peace** to John Drauch, who was the first baby to be baptized at OLHC in July 1927.

**PMASS INTENTIONS**

**FEBRUARY SUNDAY**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**07**

†9AM – Greg Sado  
 R/B Ann Yost

†11AM – Joey Oravec  
 R/B Joseph & Barbara Oravec

**MARCH MONDAY**

**08**

♦8AM – Intentions of Teacher & Aides at Mercy School - Room 5, R/B Rosanne Venditto

**TUESDAY**

**09**

♦8AM – Mass for the People of the Parish

**WEDNESDAY**

**10**

†8AM – Yolanda Sunderer  
 R/B Ruth Reisinger

**THURSDAY**

**11**

†8AM – Alfredo Scudieri  
 R/B Michael & Silvana Ciamacco

**FRIDAY**

**12**

♦8AM – Health of Liam Kelly  
 R/B Sara Catalano

6PM – Stations of the Cross



**SATURDAY**

**13**

No Masses

**SUNDAY**

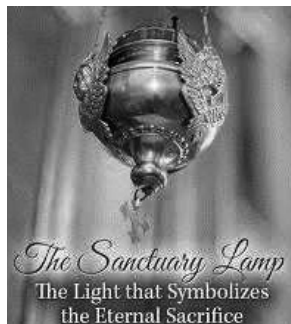
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**07**

†9AM – Mark Wirth  
 R/B Bob & June Wirth

†11AM – Frank Reisinger  
 R/B Ruth Reisinger

Birthdays \* Support ♦ Anniversaries ♥ Memorials †



**MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup> – MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>**

The Candle Burns in Loving Memory of:

Don Williamson

Requested by  
 Mary Ann Williamson  
 And Family



**ENTRANCE – TAKE UP YOUR CROSS**

**Verse 1:** Take up your cross, the Savior said, if you would my disciple be;  
Take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me.

**Verse 2:** Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let your foolish heart be still;  
The Lord for you accepted death upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

**INTRODUCTORY RITE | PENITENTIAL RITE | ABSOLUTION | THE READINGS**

**READING 1**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

**READING 2**

**GOSPEL**

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

**OFFERTORY – JESUS WALKED THIS LONESOME VALLEY**  
***(DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR ENVELOPES!)***

**Verse 1:** Jesus walked this lonesome valley; He had to walk it by himself.  
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him; He had to walk it by himself.

**Verse 2:** We must walk this lonesome valley; We have to walk it by ourselves.  
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us; We have to walk it by ourselves.

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

**COMMUNION – LORD, WHEN YOU CAME TO THE SEASHORE**

**Verse 1:** Lord, when you came to the seashore You weren't seeking the wise or the wealthy,  
But only asking that I might follow.

**Refrain:** O Lord, in my eyes you were gazing, Kindly smiling, my name you were saying;  
All I treasured, I have left on the sand there; Close to you, I will find other seas.

**Verse 2:** Tu sabes bien lo que tengo; En mi barca no-hay oro ni espadas,  
Tan solo redes y mi trabajo.

**Refrain (Estrillo):** Señor, me-has mirado a los ojos, Sonriendo has dicho mi nombre,  
En la-arena he dejado mi barca, Junto a ti buscare otro mar.

**Verse 3:** Lord, have you need of my labor, Hands for service, a heart made for loving,  
My arms for lifting the poor and broken?

**COMMUNION | CONCLUDING RITES | PRAYER OF ST. MICHAEL**

**RECESSIONAL – LIFT HIGH THE C ROSS**

**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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