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Allentown, Pennsylvania | Roman Catholic Parish Community



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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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Children and Young People on the Diocese website at
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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 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 TO THE HOMEBOUND

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

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

At this time, Confession is by appointment only. Please call or email the Rectory for an appointment.

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.*

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.*

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](https://www.smile.amazon.com). For Venmo (online payment), we are [OlhcAllentown-Church](https://www.venmo.com/OlhcAllentown-Church), four digits 1870.

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!

YOUR STEWARDSHIP HELPS SUSTAIN US!

Holy Thursday:	\$437
Good Friday:	\$439
Easter Collection:	\$6,459
Debt Reduction:	\$560

Thank you for your continued support and for your generous Easter contributions. Next week's 2nd collection (4/18) is for Building Fund, one of our most important collections. This fund assists in defraying the costs of maintaining our Parish buildings and grounds, pays for the many light bulbs that are located in the Church and parish buildings, painting, roof repair...all the little things that add up. Thank you in advance for your generosity and for praying for the success of our parish's maintenance efforts.



We did great with our Spring Pie Sale! We made a profit of \$2,207. Thanks to Maureen & Jack for driving to get the pies, Dick for making the home deliveries, the fundraising committee and our volunteers for getting the pies to our hungry patrons. Thank you to O'Donnell Funeral Home for lending us their van again for pie pickup. And thank you, parishioners, for supporting us!

GROCERY GIFT CARDS ARE BACK - BEING SOLD TODAY!!!!

We now have \$25, \$50, and \$100 gift cards available for:
Giant ♦ Redner's ♦ Valley Farm Market

Buying grocery gift cards is a very easy way to support OLHC. You purchase the gift card to buy your groceries, and 5% - 10% of the gift card amount is returned to OLHC by the store. It's as simple as that!

There are several ways to purchase the cards:

- ♥They will be available in the vestibule AFTER the Masses one Sunday each month (we are limiting this to one Sunday due to the pandemic). In April, we will sell the cards on April 11th. Beginning in May, we will sell them on the first Sunday of each month (May 2nd, June 6th, etc.).
- ♥You can purchase them at the Rectory during regular business hours, or call us with your order, for Sunday pickup.
- ♥You can mail a check to OLHC, or use Venmo, and we will see that you receive the cards. (Venmo: OlhcAllentown-church)

We all need to buy groceries...so, it's really a win for you and a win for the parish.

Many thanks for your support in this fundraising activity!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. St. Pope John Paul II beatified and canonized Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska and held her up as the apostle and secretary of Divine Mercy; mostly because of her diary, entitled, *Divine Mercy in My Soul*. During St. Faustina's canonization, John Paul II instituted the feast day of Divine Mercy Sunday on the first Sunday after Easter.

In 2002, Pope John Paul II entrusted the whole world to the Mercy of God; and proclaimed Divine Mercy as the answer to all the world's problems. Pope John Paul died on the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday, leaving us this beautiful feast day, which is one of the greatest treasures of the Church. Nevertheless, Divine Mercy Sunday is NOT a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina — nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day.

This sacred day allows the Faithful to obtain a PLENARY indulgence by following three conditions and devotions:

1. Sacramental Confession;
2. Eucharistic Communion;
3. Prayer for the Intentions of Our Holy Father, the Pope.

These can be done in any church, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for sin, even a venial sin, and take part in the prayers and devotions (Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image) held in honor of Divine Mercy, OR in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you).

Resurrection Peace to
Sister Thomas Aquinas,
who taught at OLHC, who
went to be with our Lord
on April 2nd.



Resurrection Peace to
our parishioner Andrew
"Bumper" Robb, who
went to be with our Lord
on April 5th.

Reading I: Acts 4: 32-35

We read a description of the “golden age” of the early Church in Apostolic times. It is an ideal community life, in which members generously surrendered their goods and property based on their needs.

Reading II: I John 5: 1-6

This “letter” is really an exhortation to its readers to so live that their faith overcomes “the world.” God’s Son came to us “in water and blood.”

The Gospel: John 20: 19-31

After the report of St. Thomas’ initial doubt and its resolution, we learn the purpose of the Gospel: having faith in Jesus as Messiah and Son of God, who is the source of eternal life.

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY!

4/11	John Schmitt
4/12	Jean Gardo, Dina Boyer
4/13	Michael Ciamacco
4/15	Leona Gabrielle
4/16	Joseph Anfuso

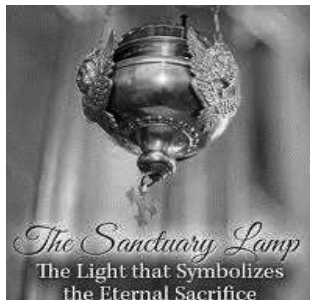
PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED SOULS WHO PASSED AWAY IN MARCH

4/1 – Guy Gillette ('03), Stephen Kuchera ('06), William Racosky ('07), Verne Bray ('12),	4/18 – Sonia Aviles ('19)
4/2 - Nasralla Barber ('07)	4/19 – Gordon Shea, Sr. ('06)
4/3 – Ernest Schwab ('08), Joseph Lewis ('16)	4/20 – Albert Parry ('11), Neil Wirth ('18)
4/5 – Andrew “Bumper” Robb	4/21 – Michael Buchanin ('96)
4/7 – Joseph “Curly” Psarsky ('10), Susan Kosalko ('12), Gertrude Walter ('16)	4/22 – Marie Ocelletto ('04), Jeffrey Maurer ('05)
4/8 – Mary Micklos ('99), Geza Borath ('08)	4/23 – Florence Snell ('16)
4/10 –Helen Janscak ('07), Teresa Novatnak ('12), Rose Povalac ('15)	4/24 – Anita Hershman ('05), Luke Schnabel ('10)
4/11 – Rudolph Potetz ('97), Elizabeth “Elsie” Pavlick ('18)	4/26 – George Hornak ('02), Margeret Kushner ('06), Mary Best (10), Margaret Booros ('17)
4/14 – James Haggerty	4/27 – John “Ducky” Muscovitch ('00), Elizabeth Osinkosky ('06)
4/15 – Eva K ern ('08), Maria Andreas ('18), Mary Waters ('19)	4/28 – Helen Rizzotto ('13)
4/17 – Donald Bittenbender ('16)	



APRIL	SUNDAY
11	<u>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</u> †9AM – Lou Hershman R/B Rickie & Jim Bowles †11AM – Rudolph Potetz R/B Bernadette Potetz
12	MONDAY †8AM –Edda & William Allen R/B Silvana & Michael Ciamacco
13	TUESDAY <i>ST. MARTIN, POPE & MARTYR</i> ♦8AM – Mass for the People of the Parish
14	WEDNESDAY †8AM – Michaelene Flegler R/B Kathy Godshall
15	THURSDAY †8AM – William & Woody O'Donnell R/B Ruth Reisinger
16	FRIDAY †8AM – Paul Yost R/B Barb Yost
17	SATURDAY No Mass
18	SUNDAY <u>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</u> †9AM – Kenneth Stein Sr. R/B Isabel Stein †11AM – Janet Garger R/B Mike Garger

Birthday * Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial †



APRIL 11TH – APRIL 17TH
The Candle Burns in Loving Memory of:
JOHN & MARY PANIK
Requested by
Daughter Marie Gasper

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ENTRANCE – CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

Verse 1: Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia! All on earth with angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joy and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, O heav'ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Verse 2: Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

INTRODUCTORY RITE | PENITENTIAL RITE | ABSOLUTION | THE READINGS

READING 1

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (4/11)

READING 2

GOSPEL

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

**OFFERTORY – ALLELUIA! THE STRIFE IS O'ER
*(DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR ENVELOPES!)***

Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 1: The strife is o'er, the battle done; Now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung: Alleluia!

Verse 2: On the third morn he rose again, Glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain: Alleluia!

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

COMMUNION – HUMBLY WE ADORE YOU

Verse 1: Humbly we adore you, Christ, Redeemer, King; You are Lord of heaven,
you to whom we sing. God, the Mighty, you have come, bearing gifts of grace;
Son of Adam still you are, Savior to our race.

Verse 2: Jesus, Lord, we thank you for this wondrous bread; In our land now dwelling, by you we are
fed. We who share this mystery in you are made one; Ev'ry act we offer you in your name is done.

Verse 3: You who died to save us live now as our light; Though our eyes are blinded,
yet our faith gives sight. Savior, now be merciful, Lamb for sinners slain,
We in grief confess our guilt; cleanse our souls of stain.

Verse 4: Faith alone reveals here bread of Paradise; Faith alone may witness Jesus' sacrifice.
Therefore, Lord, as once of old Thomas gained his sight,
Now increase our feeble faith; shed your healing light.

COMMUNION | CONCLUDING RITES | PRAYER OF ST. MICHAEL

RECESSIONAL – HYMN OF JOY

Verse 1: Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts and voices heav'nward raise: Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise. Christ, who on the cross a victim, for the world's salvation bled, Jesus
Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

Verse 2: Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born, Glorious life and life
immortal, on that holy Easter morn. Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by this mighty enterprise,
We with Christ to life eternal by his resurrection rise.

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#WHATSMYNAME
In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson

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