

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SÉPTIMO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

MAY 16, 2021
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MASSES (IN THE CHURCH)

Monday - Friday – 8AM
Saturday – No Masses at this time.
Sunday – 9AM and 11AM

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HOLY DAYS AND ADORATION

Evening Before: 7PM | Day of: 9AM
Adoration – Tuesdays 8:30AM to 12PM

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

There is a link to the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People on the Diocese website at www.allentowndiocese.org

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SACRAMENTAL AND PARISH INFORMATION



PARISH MEMBERSHIP

In order to receive any Sacraments, you must be a REGISTERED PARISHIONER. Lavender census forms should be filled out as soon as possible to be considered an *Active Member* along with turning in envelopes. 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 (if it's your first payment).

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 every Sunday after 9AM Mass until 10:45AM, or 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!

In the last two weeks we have seen an increase in our Sunday offerings. Thank you, parishioners, for increasing your donation. We appreciate it!



YOUR STEWARDSHIP HELPS SUSTAIN US!

5/9 Sunday Offerings: \$3,688
Building Fund: \$661

Thank you for your continued support as it is critical to our Church. The beginning of the month is always good, and we thank you for remembering us. Thank you to all those who have continued to generously support our Parish financially through the 2nd Collection. Next week's 2nd collection (5/23) is for Liturgical Supplies. This includes altar bread and sacramental wine as well as linens, candles, vestments, incense, charcoal, Mass books as well as COVID sanitizing supplies. Your steadfast support and generosity is always appreciated.

COOKIE SALE INSERT

We are having a cookie sale! These cookies come from the same bakery as the pies. We had a taste test to insure they were good enough to use at the Tricky Tray event, and they were so good we decided to have a cookie sale as well! They are a thin, crispy cookie. Please see insert for details. Submit by June 1st!

Mary is also known as the Mystical Rose – being the only human who was immaculately conceived without sin.



Known as the “queen of flowers”, the rose represents Mary as Queen of Heaven. The rose is one of the most beautiful flowers in all creation. The rose in relation to the Blessed Mother displays perfect love, form, fragrance, and color.

Although roses are beautiful, there is also a hidden suffering in their thorns. For Mary, the thorns on the rose remind us that Our Lord Jesus Christ wore a crown of thorns and gave up his blood for all humanity. As His Mother, Mary witnessed this suffering and death first-hand at the foot of the cross.

NEXT WEEK IS PENTECOST SUNDAY

What is Pentecost Sunday?

Pentecost, also known as Whit Sunday or Whitsunday, is observed on the seventh Sunday after Easter and 10 days after Ascension. The name comes from the Greek word "pentekoste" which means fiftieth as Pentecost Sunday takes place on the 50th day of Easter.

As the date is based on Easter, this day is a moveable feast. The earliest day that Pentecost Sunday can fall is May 10th (as in 1818) and the latest possible date is June 13th (next in 2038). It marks the end of the Easter cycle, that began 90 days ago with Ash Wednesday at the start of Lent.

Why is it called Pentecost Sunday?

This Christian holy day commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit in the form of flames to the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ, as recorded in the New Testament in Acts 2:1–31, the fifth book of the New Testament of the Bible.

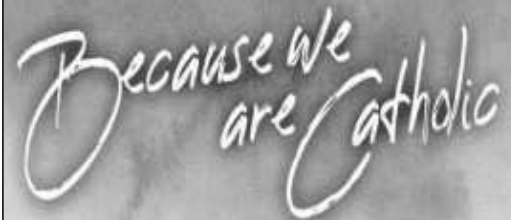
The Holy Spirit allowed the apostles to speak in other languages, and they started preaching the word of Jesus to the Jews who were in Jerusalem for the feast of Shavuot (also known as the Feast of Weeks or Pentecost - in this case, meaning seven weeks since Passover).

Many Christians recognize the Descent of the Holy Spirit as the birth of the Church.

BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

We are grateful to all who pledged their support this weekend to the 2021 BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL. Your gift will allow our Diocese to meet the many and varied needs of the people of this diocese. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small.

If you did not take the opportunity to make your gift, you may do so at any time over the next few weeks by placing your pledge form in the collection basket or visiting the Appeal website at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org. Thank you for your support!



May is the month of Mary!

Each Sunday in May, come to Mass 20 minutes early to pray the Rosary with us!

Blue Star Mothers of America, Lehigh Valley Chapter PA201 is planning to send care packages to deployed military members in June. We would love to send a package to your family members or friends. If you know someone deployed, serving overseas, or even stateside and would like them to receive a package, please email their name and address to Joan Glover; jglover@ptd.net or call at 610-349-7791, by June 10th. If you'd like to know more about the Blue Star Mothers, email jmillerbsmx2@gmail.com.

OLHC MEMORIAL FUND



Those whose names are enrolled in the Memorial Fund will be included in the Sunday prayer petitions each week as well as special Masses on designated days. Suggested offering is \$25. Stop by the office for a beautiful hardbound book that can be presented. You can also call in advance Monday-Wednesday.

Reading I: Acts 1: 1-11

The presence of the two angels places the ascension of Jesus in a special category. The connection made with this event and the Second Coming of Christ puts the event beyond ordinary history. It ends Christ's time of physical presence and also the end of the Church's time.

Reading II: Ephesians 4: 1-13, or 4: 1-7, 11-13

St. Paul asserts that we have all been gifted by the Holy Spirit and that there is both unity and diversity in the Church. This should promote a certain manner of life for us.

The Gospel: Mark 16: 15-20

Jesus instructs His disciples to baptize all nations in His name. He also assures them that they will be seeing all kinds of wonderful signs of His abiding presence even after He "was taken up into heaven."

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY!

5/17 Eugene Sebesta, Anh Huynh

5/20 Michael Dooley

5/21 Phyllis Andreas (96!)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED SOULS WHO PASSED AWAY IN MAY

5/3 – Edward Urban ('09), Robert Helfrich ('10), Mary Hart ('11), Viola Taylor ('12), Thomas Wagner ('16), Anna Bucha ('20)

5/15 – Michael Spisak ('01) Sidney Harmon ('06)

5/4 – Erna Weber

5/16 – Stanislaw "Stas" Poplawski ('15)

5/5 – Louis Toth ('13) Julius Damweber ('15) Elizabeth "Betsy" Fry ('18)

5/18 – Mary Doklan ('11)

5/7 – Margaret Boyko ('08) Pasquale Lamaestra ('20)

5/19 – Morris Nagle ('93), Althea King ('09) Delores Galowitch ('19) Anthony D'Annibale ('20)

5/8 – Stella Notter ('10) Bob Whitehead ('19)

5/27 – Edward Wirth ('07), Mary Flanley ('14)

5/10 – Dolores Shankweiler ('10) Edwin "Matt" Weber ('15)

5/28 – Catherine Petroll ('17)

5/12 – Mary Hess ('08) Dorothy Sloand ('12)

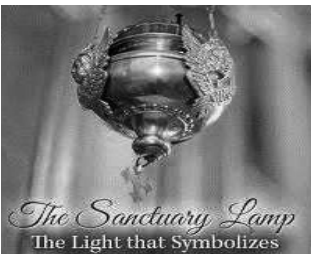
5/29 – Rosemarie Fritz ('09)

5/13 – Mary Altif ('17)

5/31 – Richard Notter ('03) Joseph Oravec, Sr. ('06)

5/14 - Chester "Chet" Sikorski ('07)



APRIL	SUNDAY
16	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER †9AM – Anna Bucha R/B The Bucha Family †11AM – John C. Schumann Family R/B Nanette Gillette & Family
	MONDAY
17	†8AM – Regina Heidecker R/B J&A Stevens
TUESDAY	
18	ST. JOHN I, POPE AND MARTYR ♦8AM – Mass for the People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY	
19	†8AM – Kenneth Stein, Sr. R/B Isabel Stein
THURSDAY	
20	ST. BERNADINE OF SIENA †9AM – Paul Yost R/B Ann Yost
FRIDAY	
21	ST. CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES †8AM – Michael Sickonic R/B Mary Sickonic
SATURDAY	
22	ST. RITA OF CASCIA No Mass
SUNDAY	
23	PENTECOST SUNDAY †9AM – John C. Schumann R/B Nanette Gillette & Family †11AM – Michael Sickonic R/B Gravante Family
	Birthday * Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial †
	
<p>MAY 16TH – MAY 22ND The Candle Burns in Loving Memory of: MEMBERS OF THE OLHC MEMORIAL FUND</p> <p><i>The Sanctuary Lamp</i> The Light that Symbolizes the Eternal Sacrifice</p>	

ENTRANCE – BE JOYFUL, MARY, HEAVENLY QUEEN

Verse 1: Be joyful, Mary, heavenly Queen, Alleluia!
Your Son who died was living seen, Alleluia! Rejoice with us, O Mary!

Verse 2: The Son you bore by heaven's grace, Alleluia!
Did all our guilt and sin erase, Alleluia! Rejoice with us, O Mary!

INTRODUCTORY RITE | PENITENTIAL RITE | ABSOLUTION | THE READINGS

READING 1

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord has set his throne in heaven.

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 SUNDAY OFFERING!)

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 – HAIL MARY, GENTLE WOMAN

Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women,
and blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of death. Amen.

Refrain: Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star, so strong and bright,
Gentle Mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom; teach us love.

Verse 1: You were chosen by the Father; you were chosen for the Son.
You were chosen from all women and for woman, shining one.

Verse 2: Blessed are you among women, blest in turn all women, too.
Blessed they with peaceful spirits. Blessed they with gentle hearts.

COMMUNION | CONCLUDING RITES | MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins my Mother; to you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful; O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

RECESSIONAL – CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Verse 1: Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Verse 2: Longing for peace, our world is troubled, Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.

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