

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
QUINTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

MAY 2, 2021
2 DE MAYO DE 2021

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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

SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR

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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

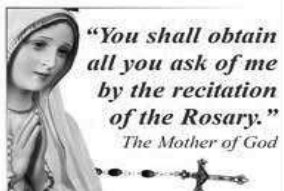
Gifts provided through wills and personal trusts can make such a difference in the continued operation of our Parish. These gifts enable a donor to make contributions that may not have been possible during their lifetime. If you value the continuity as well as the mission of OLHC, please consider this. Thank you!

NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF CLOTHES ON OUR BACK PORCH. THERE IS NO CLOTHING DRIVE AT THIS TIME. THANK YOU!

YOUR STEWARDSHIP HELPS SUSTAIN US!

4/25 Sunday Offerings: \$3,488
Utility Fund: \$512

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. Next week's 2nd collection (5/9) 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.



2021 ROSARY RALLY – Will Be held May 15th at 10AM outside the Church. It is urgent that we heed Our Lady's request and stop sinning if we hope to enjoy God's blessings and to avert His wrath. He will hear us, if we pray through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. That's why we're doing the 2021 Public Square Rosary Crusade. Program materials will be distributed. Bring a chair if you need to sit.

MARCH SUNDAY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTIONS

AVERAGE NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTORS PER WEEK
AND CONTRIBUTION RANGE

UNDER \$5	\$5 – \$10	\$11 – \$15	\$16 – \$20	\$21 – \$25	\$25- \$30	ABOVE \$30	TOTAL ENVS.
2	42	19	26	12	13	27	141

Please note: if you contribute monthly, i.e., \$50, this was broken down into weekly payments of \$12.

The above chart presents the average number of weekly Sunday envelope contributors during the four weeks in March, by dollar range. The average of 141 weekly Sunday envelopes in March represents 56% of the 250 families/individuals receiving envelopes. Please use your envelopes to get proper credit for your contributions and provide indication that you support the parish.



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

FATIMA PRAYER

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell and lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

MARIAN SYMBOLISM

While some Christians view the Fleur-de-Lis as a pagan symbol and do not accept it, it is considered a Christian Catholic symbol of Our Lady. Due to the lily representing purity, since antiquity, the Roman Catholic church has used the lily as a distinctive emblem of the Virgin Mary.



The three-petal design of the symbol represents the Holy Trinity with the base representing Mary. In fact, up until the 1300s, depictions of Jesus contained the Fleur-de-Lis. Many statues of saints, particularly Saint Joseph, are depicted holding lilies.

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN

Hail! Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To you do we send our signs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, O most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worth of the promises of Christ.

THANK YOU to our Decorating Committee for the beautiful floral arrangement they created in our Church for our Easter Masses.

PMASS INTENTIONS

Reading I: Acts 9: 26-31
 St. Paul not only witnesses the risen Jesus, but also has become His missionary. At the same time, Paul's conversion evidently brought peace to the Palestinian Church communities.

Reading II: I John 3: 18-24
 God, being "greater than our hearts" still inspires confidence even if our consciences condemn us. As a result we do what pleases Him.

The Gospel: John 15: 1-8
 The vine and branch imagery includes an assurance from Jesus that the Word of God has made the disciples safe from pruning. When these disciples "bear fruit" as His emissaries they glorify the Father.

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY!	
5/2	Ashley Montani
5/5	Enrique Nguyen
5/7	Dave Galbraith, Alex Wertman
5/8	Anne Ross

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 Petrol ('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
02	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER †9AM – Ryan Zawada R/B Diane & Joe Zawada ♥11AM – Kay & Joe Anfuso's 50 th Wedding Anniversary♥ R/B Kay & Joe Anfuso
MONDAY	
03	STS. PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES †8AM – Michaelene Flegler R/B Rosanne Venditto
TUESDAY	
04	♦8AM – Mass for the People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY	
05	†8AM – Daniel Klase R/B Jackie Klase & Family
THURSDAY	
06	NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER †8AM – Anthony & Rose Venditto R/B Rosanne Venditto
FRIDAY	
07	†8AM – Lou Hershman R/B A Friend
SATURDAY	
08	No Mass
SUNDAY	
09	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MOTHER'S DAY †9AM AND 11AM MASSES All Mothers of the Parish, Living or Deceased

Birthday * Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial †


MAY 2ND – MAY 8TH
 The Candle Burns in Loving Memory of:
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The Sanctuary Lamp
 The Light that Symbolizes the Eternal Sacrifice

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.

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:

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

READING 2

GOSPEL

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

OFFERTORY –HYMN TO OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
(DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR SUNDAY OFFERING!)

Verse 1: O Mother of our parish, Dear Mother of us all,
You have chosen us and you have blessed us, Lead us always and hear our call.

Refrain: Our Lady Help of Christians, You have guided us these many years.
You, our Patroness; You, our model! We sing praise to You, our Lady dear.

Verse 2: When asking any favor or pleading a special cause,
You intercede with our Lord Jesus. Our needs you give to God.

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

COMMUNION – I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

Verse 1: I am the bread of life You who come to me shall not hunger;
and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

Refrain: And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day.

Verse 2: The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever, you shall live forever.

Verse 3: Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
And drink of his blood, and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you.

COMMUNION | CONCLUDING RITES | MEMORARE

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

RECESSIONAL – HAIL, HOLY QUEEN ENTHRONED ABOVE

Hail, holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria. Hail, Queen of mercy and of love, O Maria.
Triumph, all ye cherubim; Sing with us, ye seraphim. Heav'n and earth resound the hymn:
Salve, salve, salve Regina!

The cause of joy to us below, O Maria. The spring through which all graces flow, O Maria.
Angels, all your praises bring; Earth and heaven, with us sing; All creation echoing:
Salve, salve, salve, Regina!

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