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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

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During this *Year of the Real Presence*, Bishop Schlerf invites the clergy and faithful to join him in adoring Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament during these days of prayer, fasting, and penance.

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
Adoration – Tuesdays 8:30AM to 12PM

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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



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!

thank you

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of God's
Faithful
Servants

5/23 Sunday Offerings: \$2,411
Liturgical Supplies: \$338

Thank you for your continued support and generosity as it is critical to our Church. Thank you for any increased offerings and thank you to all those who have continued to generously support our Parish financially through the 2nd Collection. Next week's 2nd collection (6/6) is for Parish Debt Reduction.



COOKIE ORDERS ARE DUE TUESDAY (June 1st)! Don't forget to support your parish and order these delicious, thin, crispy cookies!

We are still looking for your purple Census forms and offering. Additional forms are located in the back of the Church by the offering box.

COMING UP - Tomorrow (5/31) is our Memorial Day Mass at 9AM.

Tricky Trays will be 6/12 11AM-5PM and 6/13 10AM to 2PM.



Pansy or “Virgin Flower”, is an emblem of the Blessed Mother. Periwinkle Blue is also associated very closely with Mary as one of her colors, traditionally her main garment. The blossoms can be pink or white, however the more familiar is blue. Some species of the plant bear flowers with more pointed petals so that the shape resembles a star for Mary, the Star of the Sea.

The Pansy is called the "Trinity Flower", because its three-petaled shape, like the Irish shamrock, represents the Trinity, first revealed to Mary.

COVID NEWS – Now that restrictions are being lifted, it is time to remind you of the Diocesan requirements that are still in place!



◆Those who are not vaccinated or still feel uncomfortable with large groups should continue to wear a mask.

◆There is no Holy Water in fonts but small bottles of Holy Water are available near the restroom.

◆The Exchange of the Sign of Peace will remain suspended.

****Please note that Bishop Schlert mandates the wearing of a facemask for the distribution of Holy Communion by the priest, deacon, or minister, regardless if the person has been vaccinated or not vaccinated.****

PARISH NURSE JENNYFER CRUZ
BSN, RN, IBCLC, FCN



Jennyfer has been coming to the Rectory every Wednesday (except for a retreat 6/2) from 9:30AM to 12NOON. Some of you may have received a call from Jennyfer checking in on you. She is here if you wish to drop in for a blood pressure check, advice, spiritual guidance, companionship or even communion. Jennyfer can also drop by your house if you are elderly or infirmed and cannot come here.

Remember, Jennyfer is a certified Faith Community Nurse and can also do 1-on-1 teaching as far as health issues or illnesses.

MASS INTENTIONS – At this time, due to the reduced number of Masses, we cannot take any more Mass Intentions until our new Mass book opens, up, which will be later this summer.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

**SOLEMNITY OF
THE MOST
HOLY BODY AND
BLOOD OF CHRIST**

“FOR MY FLESH IS TRUE FOOD,
AND MY BLOOD IS TRUE DRINK.”



Next week is *The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*. The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is also known as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, which translates from Latin to "Body of Christ." This feast originated in France in the mid-13th century and was extended to the whole Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264. This feast is celebrated in the USA on the Sunday following that feast.

This feast calls us to focus on two manifestations of the Body of Christ, the Holy Eucharist and the Church. The primary purpose of this feast is to focus our attention on the Eucharist. The opening prayer at Mass calls our attention to Jesus' suffering and death and our worship of Him, especially in the Eucharist.

At every Mass our attention is called to the Eucharist and the *Real Presence* of Christ in it. The secondary focus of this feast is upon the Body of Christ as it is present in the Church. The Church is called the Body of Christ because of the intimate communion which Jesus shares with his disciples. He expresses this in the gospels by using the metaphor of a body in which He is the head. This image helps keep in focus both the unity and the diversity of the Church.

The Feast of Corpus Christi is commonly used as an opportunity for public Eucharistic processions, which serves as a sign of common faith and adoration. Our worship of Jesus in His Body and Blood calls us to offer to God our Father a pledge of undivided love and an offering of ourselves to the service of others.

Reading I: Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40
 This selection highlights the unique calling of the Chosen People, which the author links with the uniqueness of Yahweh.

Reading II: Romans 8: 14-17
 Through the Spirit the Christian becomes an adopted "Child of God." This allows him and her to call God "Abba," which is translated "Daddy."

The Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20
 This closing section of Matthew's gospel comprises what has come to be called "The Great Commission." By reason of their baptism, future converts will be able to share God the Son's life. Additionally, they will acknowledge the fact that, according to Jesus, God is three Persons yet One.

MAY SUNDAY

30 **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**
 ♦ 9AM – Cate Anfuso Applegate
 R/B Kathy Godshall
 † 11AM – Richard Shott
 R/B Louis & Ellen Shott

MONDAY

31 **VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MEMORIAL DAY**
 ♦ 9AM – Health of Aaron Yocum
 R/B Maureen Whitehead

TUESDAY

01 **ST. JUSTIN**
 ♦ 8AM – Mass for the People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY

02 † 8AM – Frank Reisinger
 R/B Ruth Reisinger

THURSDAY

03 **ST. CHARLES LWANGA & COMPANIONS**
 † 8AM – Paul Yost
 R/B Kathy Godshall

FRIDAY

04 † 8AM – Regina Heidecker
 R/B Hanyeh Family

SATURDAY

05 No Mass

SUNDAY

06 **THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST**
 ♦ 9AM – Margaret DeMarco
 R/B Maria Repik
 † 11AM – Kevin McCarthy
 R/B Bob & June Wirth

Birthday * Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial †

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY!

5/30 Barry Brezner

5/31 Tina Frederick

Sorry, due to a database glitch, we were not able to procure June birthdays this week ☹️

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 – Dolores Harris ('21), 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)

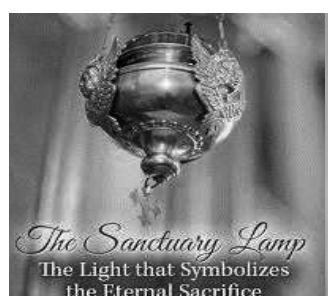
5/12 – Mary Hess ('08) Dorothy Sloand ('12)

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)



MAY 30TH – JUNE 5TH
 The Candle Burns in Loving Memory of:
RICHARD SHOTT
 Requested by:
 Gloria Green

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 – ALL HAIL, ADORED TRINITY

Verse 1: All hail, adored Trinity; All praise, eternal Unity;
O God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, ever one.

Verse 2: Three Persons praise we evermore, One only God our hearts adore;
In your sure mercy ever kind, May we our strong protection find.

INTRODUCTORY RITE | PENITENTIAL RITE | ABSOLUTION | THE READINGS

READING 1

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. (5/30)

READING 2

GOSPEL

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

OFFERTORY – O SANCTISSIMA

Verse 1: O sanctissima, O piissima, Dulcis Virgo Maria!
Mater amata, intemerata. Ora, ora pro nobis!

Verse 2: Virgo, respice; Mater, adspice. Audi nos, O Maria!
Tu medicinam portas divinam. Ora, ora pro nobis!

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

COMMUNION – JESUS, MY LORD, MY GOD, MY ALL

Verse 1: Jesus, my Lord, my God, my All, how can I love thee as I ought?
And how revere this wondrous gift, so far surpassing hope or thought?

Refrain: Sweet Sacrament, we thee adore;
Oh, make us love thee more and more. Oh, make us love thee more and more.

Verse 2: Had I but Mary's sinless heart to love thee with, my dearest King,
Oh, with what bursts of fervent praise Thy goodness, Jesus, would I sing.

Verse 3: Thy Body, Soul, and Godhead, all, O mystery of love divine.
I cannot compass all I have, for all thou hast and art are mine.

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 – SING PRAISE TO OUR CREATOR

Verse 1: Sing praise to our Creator, redeemed of Adam's race;
God's children by adoption, baptized in living grace.

Refrain: Praise the holy Trinity, Undivided Unity; Holy God, mighty God, God immortal, be adored.

Verse 2: To Jesus Christ give glory, God's co-eternal Son;
As members of his Body we are in Christ made one.

Verse 3: Now praise the Holy Spirit poured forth upon the earth,
Who sanctifies and guides us, confirmed in our rebirth.

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In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson

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