

Our Lady Help of Christians Church

Allentown, Pennsylvania | A Roman Catholic Parish Community



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

We are now twinned with Saints Simon & Jude

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Reverend Monsignor William F. Baver,
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Deacon Reuben H. Hartzell
Deacon Jeffrey R. Trexler,
KCHS, Ph.D., Ch.D.

RECTORY STAFF

Elaine Mitchell - *Bulletin/Parish Secretary*
Carol Ann Reinert (SSJ) - *Bookkeeper*

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

M-W 9:30AM-4:30PM
Thursday 10:30AM-2:30PM
After 4:30 or in an emergency
call 610-866-5582

VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE 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.

MASSES (AT OLHC AND SSJ)

Monday – Wednesday – 8AM at OLHC
Tuesday – Thursday – 8AM at SS. Simon & Jude
Friday or Saturday – 8AM (Alternating)
Call 610-866-5582 X7 weekly to check

Saturday – 5PM at SS. Simon & Jude
Sunday – 9AM at SS. Simon & June
11AM at Our Lady Help of Christians



Dear Parishioners,

I met with some of the lectors (readers) from our parish a few weeks ago.

In attendance were Cindy Bolash, Ed Curran, Barry Detweiler, Diane Gabrielle and Maureen Whitehead. I reviewed the procedure concerning the *Book of the Gospels* that the deacon ordinarily carries in procession. Highlights from the General Instruction from the Roman Missal were reviewed. Practical suggestions for delivering the Word of God were discussed. Each lector received a guide to Biblical Pronunciations and those in attendance have since received a Workbook for Lectors 2022 to prepare for their reading selections.

I look forward to additional meetings for those who will be part of the Readers at Our Lady Help of Christians Church.

Monsignor Bayer

Reprinted from September 12th



SACRAMENTAL AND PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

In order to receive any Sacraments or sponsor certificates, you must be a REGISTERED PARISHIONER. Please see Monsignor Bayer after Mass to register.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Confession is every Saturday from 4PM to 4:45PM at Saints Simon and Jude Church in Bethlehem.

SACRAMENT TO THE HOMEBOUND/SICK

First Friday Communion calls are done the first week of the month. Notify the Rectory when a parishioner is in the hospital or ill at home to receive the Eucharist and Anointing of the Sick, or be listed on our First Friday Communion Calls.

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 7439 (if it's your first payment).

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

For registered parishioners, preparation should begin one year, but no less than six months, prior to the proposed date of marriage.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are held for registered parishioners following the 11AM Mass. Parents should see Monsignor Bayer after Mass.

CEMETERIES

To arrange a Christian burial, please contact the following cemeteries:

Holy Savior Cemetery: 610-866-2372 X1
Resurrection Cemetery: 610-395-3819 X1

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: Since the 9/12 bulletins were not printed due to flooding at the production facility, we included information from that bulletin in this week's.





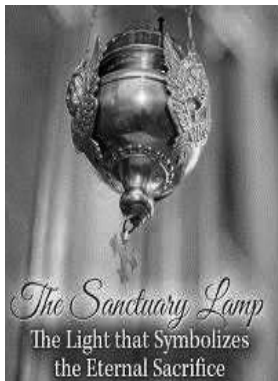
9/5 Sunday Offerings: \$3,027
 Parish Debt Collection: \$355
 Other 2nd Collections: \$129

9/12 Sunday Offerings: \$3,376
 Building Fund: \$382
 Haiti Relief: \$553
 Other 2nd Collections: \$284

Thank you for your continued support and generosity as it is *critical to our Church*.

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY!

9/19	Mary Gillespie, David Adams
9/20	Ramona Ortiz, Daniel Rosario
9/21	Elaine Mitchell
9/22	Julia Litsch
9/25	Ed Mailander, Daniel Schmidt



**SEPTEMBER 19TH –
 SEPTEMBER 25TH**

The Candle Burns in
 Loving Memory of:

**DECEASED
 GRANDPARENTS
 OF OLHC**

Please pray for Jackie Klase, a long-time parishioner of OLHC who is on hospice. Jackie is at her daughter Susie McCoolley's house. Her address is 4716 Yorkshire Drive, Macungie, PA 18062 if you wish to send Jackie a card.



SEPTEMBER **SUNDAY**

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 9AM Mass at SS. Simon & Jude

19

11AM † Ryan Zawada
 R/B Art & Sheila Breitfeld

† Jim Czekner
 R/B Mary Hart

MONDAY

**NO
 MASSES
 THIS
 WEEK**

SATURDAY

25

5PM Mass at SS. Simon & Jude

SUNDAY

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 9AM Mass at SS. Simon & Jude

26

11AM † "Annie" Duc Thi Bui Nguyen
 R/B Rosanne Venditto

Birthday * Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial †

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Happy Anniversary (last week) to Jack and Cindy Bolash – 9/12/15 (OLHC), John & Kathy Guzley – 9/15/77 (Holy Spirit, Sharon Hill PA), and this week to Marco & Maria Mesen – 9/19/00 (Sacred Heart), Dominick & Rosemarie Sander – 9/22/01 (Church of Our Lady of Grace, Bronx) and Ronnie & Vanessa Heimbach – 9/24/04 (Notre Dame). We pray that your marriage will continue to be showered with all God's richest blessings!

PLEASE P R A Y FOR OUR DECEASED SOULS WHO PASSED AWAY IN SEPTEMBER

<u>9/1</u> – Joseph Andreas ('04), Michael Roma ('06), Fred Ward ('12), Teresa Haring ('14)	<u>9/17</u> – Raymond Brader ('94), Helen Downing ('08)
<u>9/2</u> – Fernand D'Annibale ('13)	<u>9/18</u> – William Emmerich ('98)
<u>9/3</u> – Elsie Racosky ('11), Michael Buchanin ('13)	<u>9/20</u> – Dorothy Borath ('19)
<u>9/4</u> - Rosalyn Bombala ('09)	<u>9/22</u> – James Czekner ('11), Eda D'Annibale ('12), Rose Schock ('18)
<u>9/5</u> – Jacqueline Gersbach ('18)	<u>9/25</u> – Nancy Angelone ('14)
<u>9/6</u> – Frances Figura ('15)	<u>9/26</u> – Leah Zeppenfelt ('12), Carolin Jerant ('19)
<u>9/8</u> – Joseph Lenahan ('04)	<u>9/27</u> - Louis Hershman ('20)
<u>9/9</u> – Robert Kline ('16), Elizabeth McClafferty ('16)	<u>9/28</u> – Michael Mriss ('08), William Racosky, Jr. ('09)
<u>9/15</u> – Doris Piccerillo ('18)	<u>9/29</u> – Richard Revak ('02), Patricia Wittman ('09)
<u>9/16</u> – Theresa Roma ('19)	<u>9/30</u> – James Merenda ('04)



SEPTEMBER 19: FEAST OF ST. JANUARIUS

Little is known about the life of Januarius. He is believed to have been martyred in the Emperor Diocletian's persecution of 305. Legend has it that Januarius and his companions were thrown to the bears in the amphitheater of Pozzuoli, but the animals failed to attack them. They were then beheaded, and Januarius' blood ultimately brought to Naples.

"A dark mass that half fills a hermetically sealed four-inch glass container, and is preserved in a double reliquary in the Naples cathedral as the blood of St. Januarius, liquefies 18 times during the year...Various experiments have been applied, but the phenomenon eludes natural explanation...." [Catholic Encyclopedia]

REFLECTION

It is defined Catholic doctrine that miracles can happen and are recognizable. Problems arise, however, when we must decide whether an occurrence is unexplainable in natural terms, or merely unexplained. We do well to avoid an excessive credulity but, on the other hand, when even scientists speak about "probabilities" rather than "laws" of nature, it is something less than imaginative for Christians to think that God is too "scientific" to work extraordinary miracles to wake us up to the everyday miracles of sparrows and dandelions, raindrops and snowflakes.

SAINT JANUARIUS IS THE PATRON SAINT

OF:
Blood Banks/Blood Donors
Naples

SUMMER SIZZLER WINNERS!

Thanks to all of you who helped to make our Summer Sizzler a great success...we realized a net profit of \$3,700!!! We even had a big winner at the end of the month. The winners are:

Carole Allen, Msgr. Bayer, Betty Beierschmitt, Emma Bray, Anne Chryst, Lydia Corby, Louis Gabrielle (2), Jean Gardo, Patty Guditus, Sam Kehm, Vicky & Clancy Kistler, Anthony Kosalko, Casey Krill, Martha Lopez, Cassandra Magliane, Mercy School - Room 5, Paul Montani, Mary Psarsky (2), Joyce Raffensperger, Luis Rivera, Mary Shea, M. Stanton, Derek Vattelana, Rosanne Venditto, Robert Wolfe, and Barbara Yost.

Congratulations, everyone!!! We look forward to your participation in making our Winter Warmup drawing a grand success as well!!!

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.

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me;
and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

FR 9:57

Reading I: Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20

The author presents the wicked (perhaps apostate Jews) as having a false understanding of human life. They desire to prosecute the just person because his/her life is a direct reproach of their own.

Reading II: James 3: 16-4:3

James presents a synthesis of Christian wisdom in contrast to the earthly kind. He considers false wisdom because it ultimately causes strife in the community and provides remedies for it.

The Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37

Jesus makes His second prediction of His passion, but its net effect is lost on the disciples. He also teaches them another lesson about His fresh outlook on life, namely, that the whole idea of "wishing to be first" is an empty pursuit in God's kingdom. The true hallmarks of a Christian are humility and service to others.

OTHER NEWS

FROM THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN

Holy Hour for Vocations

Beginning October 1st and every first Friday through May 2022, there will be a Holy Hour for Vocations from 7:00PM-8:00PM at Holy Ghost Church at 417 Carlton Avenue, Bethlehem. Silence, scripture, meditations, and hymns will be part of the hour. In addition, all will pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus asking God to grow humble and holy Vocations in our Diocese of Allentown. All are welcome to join us in prayer!

ST. FRANCIS FEST

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 1046 W. Cedar Street, Allentown

St. Francis is holding a Flea Market, Basket Raffle, and Bake Sale

Saturday, October 2nd from 10AM to 4PM

Sunday, October 3rd from Noon to 5 PM.

Food will also be available for purchase.

For more information, call 610-433-6102.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH CENTER

BINGO IS BACK (again)!

Knights of Columbus Bingo at Holy Family Parish Center,

508 W. Center Street, Nazareth

Sunday, Sept 26th

15 games and 4 specials

There will also be a 50/50 and food for sale.

Doors open at noon; first game at 12:45.

All ages welcome! \$20 per person.

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#WHATSMYNAME
In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson

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