

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

SERVED BY

Reverend Monsignor William F. Baver,
Th.M., M. Div., CCCE, KCHS

PERMANENT DEACONS

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

Wendy Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC
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(Direct Line)

SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR

Pamela Russo, MSW, MS
prusso@allentowndiocese.org
610-871-5200, Ext 2204

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,

As we remember Labor Day weekend, we recall the importance of labor and those institutions that form our Catholic belief, so that we may be good citizens of our Nation and faithful to our religious beliefs.

We prayerfully remember those who are beginning their journey in our school systems and in our religious education programs.

We are approaching last call to register for Confirmation classes at Our Lady Help of Christians Church. We are now past the deadline for the discount rate to attend instruction for grades 1-6 at Saint Elizabeth Church. It is important that Elaine Mitchell, the parish secretary, be contacted first to verify parish membership before entering either program. Elaine has the registration forms to hand to families who complete the registration process with the pastor.

Monsignor Bayer



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!





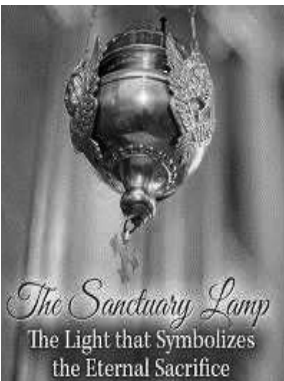
The Offering

8/29 Sunday Offerings: \$2,798
 Mission Co-op: \$396
 Other 2nd Collections: \$111

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

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY!

9/5	Ann Yost, Ann Chryst
9/6	Marcella D'Annibale, Angel Taveras
9/8	Jose de la Rosa
9/9	Victoria Weninger, Karla Medina



SEPTEMBER 5TH –
SEPTEMBER 11TH

The Candle Burns in
 Loving Memory of:

**Victims,
 Families and First
 Responders from
 9/11/2001**

The Sanctuary Lamp, which burns before the Blessed Sacrament, reminds us of the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. It would be a wonderful way to memorialize a loved one who now enjoys the heavenly banquet.

If you would like the lamp to burn in honor of a loved one, please send a suggested offering of \$10 to the Rectory with the name of the person remembered (you can even mail it in). We publish this memorial weekly in the bulletin.

PMASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY

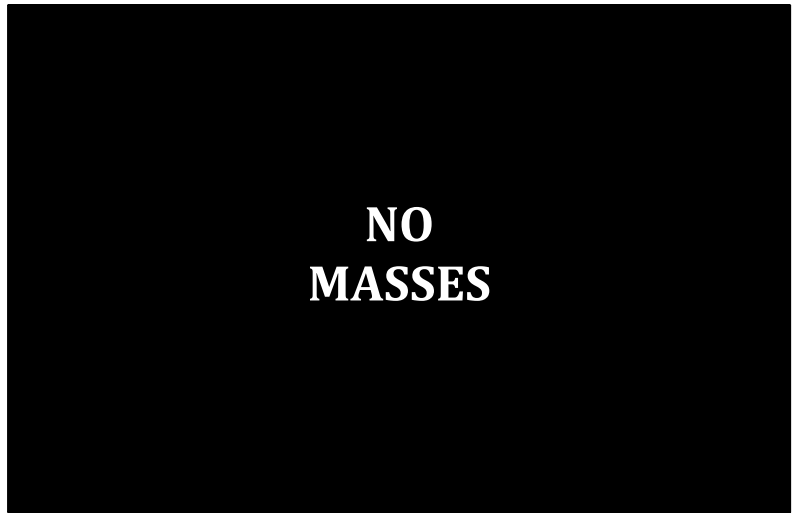
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 9AM Mass at SS. Simon & Jude

05 11AM †Janet Garger
 R/B Mike Garger

MONDAY

LABOR DAY
 9AM – †Dan Klase
 R/B Jackie Klase

06 Note New Time
 Sixto Borrero, Jr.
 R/B Lulu Borrero



SATURDAY

11 8AM Mass at SS. Simon and Jude
 5PM Mass at SS. Simon & Jude

SUNDAY

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

12 11AM †Mark Wirth
 R/B Rosanne Venditto

†Nancy Smolick
 R/B Nanette Gillette

Birthday * Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial †

9AM TOMORROW, SEPTEMBER 6TH.

On Labor Day we honor human work and all human workers. As Pope Francis has said, "Work is fundamental to the dignity of the person. Work, to use an image, 'anoints' with dignity, fills us with dignity, makes us similar to God who has worked and still works, who always acts." Please note: our parish office will be closed that day in observance of the holiday.



PLEASE PRAY 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)

**9/12 SPECIAL COLLECTION
HAITI RELIEF FUND**

As you are aware, Haiti has suffered a recent devastating earthquake that has added to the suffering of a populace that has still not fully recovered from the major earthquake that occurred there in 2010. The island nation was then hit by Tropical Storm Grace, which has only added to the misery and suffering of the citizens and made even more difficult the ongoing efforts to rescue the many persons trapped beneath collapsed buildings.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked each diocese in the United States to take up a special collection for the relief of the Haitian people.

Bishop Schlert has authorized a special collection for the Diocese of Allentown, to be taken up on September 12th. Please be generous and continue to pray for the thousands whose lives have been affected by these natural disasters.



And thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that, out of many hearts thoughts may be revealed.

The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, whose memorial the Church celebrates on September 15th.


September falls during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of September: An environmentally sustainable lifestyle. We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Chuck & Linda Smith – 9/6/58 (St. Martha, Akron, OH). Tom and Rosemary Wrecsics – 9/7/74 (OLHC). Art & Sheila Breitfeld – 9/9/72 (OLHC). We pray that your marriage will continue to be showered with all God's richest blessings!

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.



I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil - this is the gift of God. Ecclesiastes 3:12-13

Reading I: Isaiah 35: 4-7a

The prophet announces that the age of salvation has arrived. The Southern desert will flower, and physical healing will abound.

Reading II: James 2: 1-5

God's glory should cancel out all taint of partiality in our relationships, such as a person's status or worldly rank. In God's kingdom, both rich and poor are invited to feast heartily.

The Gospel: Mark 7: 31-37

After the miraculous healing, Jesus commands the crowd to be silent about it. He wants them to know that He is more than a healer. The crowd's opinion of Jesus echoes words found in the First Reading today from Isaiah, wherein Christ's activity makes the Kingdom of God present.

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. ELIZABETH AEROBICS IS BACK

Low Impact Aerobics—Instructor is Karen Hoff is offering 10 weeks of “distancing” aerobics on Tuesday nights from 6:15-7pm from September 7th to November 17th. Cost \$25.00 for all 10 weeks. Bring a friend!

Classes are held at St Elizabeth's parish hall, 435 Pershing Blvd, Whitehall. Registration contact Mary Spieker at the parish office at 610-266-0695 or dirreled@sercc.org. See their website at www.sercc.org. Consider wearing a mask at the door, but masks are not needed for exercise. Deadline Sept 6th.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH SEPTEMBER TO REMEMBER DANCE

Social Hall - 924 N. Front Street Allentown PA 18102

Saturday September 18, 2021

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Dance from 7:00 – 10:00 – Doors open 6:30

Questions Call Bill Drost 610-432-3505

Masks are requested so everyone is comfortable.

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#WHATSMYNAME
In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson

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