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Allentown, Pennsylvania | Roman Catholic Parish Community



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

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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

No Adoration at this time.

VICTIMS 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 under "Youth Protection."

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SACRAMENTAL AND PARISH INFORMATION



PARISH MEMBERSHIP

In order to receive any Sacraments, you must be a REGISTERED PARISHIONER. Yellow census forms should be filled out as soon as possible to be considered an active member. Please contact us with any changes so our records can be kept current. *If you are over 18 and not in college, you should register under your own name.*

SACRAMENT TO THE HOMEBOUND

Please call the Rectory for arrangements. Father makes First Friday Communion calls the first week of the month.

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 three (3) months.

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

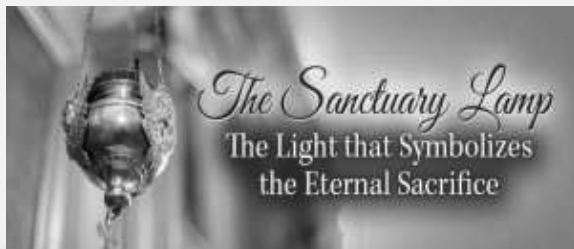
At this time, Confession is by appointment only. Please call or email the Rectory for an appointment.

SPONSORSHIP LETTERS OF ELIGIBILITY

Only Catholics who are fully-initiated, regularly attending Mass and, if married, done so validly in the Roman Catholic Church will receive Letters of Eligibility.

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 mission of OLHC, please consider this. Thank you!



FROM JANUARY 17TH
TO JANUARY 23RD

The Candle Burns in Loving
Memory of:

**THERESA & MARTIN
HAFFNER**

Requested by:
Rudy & Esther Gyory

*please
pray for
the sick*

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK WHEN YOU PRAY

John Hart (brother of Mary Hart). Sister Charlene (eye surgery).

If you would like to receive a summary statement of your 2020 contributions, please put a note with your name in the collection box or call/email the Rectory. You **MUST** include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request or pick the statement up in the Rectory office M-W 9:30 to 4:30. Please give us a few days to get this statement together. We are grateful to all who contributed and especially those who sacrificially support Our Lady Help of Christians throughout the year.

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. Si tiene una denuncia de abuso contra un obispo, comuníquese con el Servicio de Denuncias de Abuso de Obispos Católicos en www.ReportBishopAbuse.org o llamando al 800-276-1562.

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Weekly Offerings

YOUR STEWARDSHIP HELPS SUSTAIN US

January 10, 2020 –\$4,332

The statement printed above the amount expresses the gratitude felt in response to your continued support and generosity towards our parish. It is your weekly contributions that help sustain us and keep us active. Thanks are extended to those who use envelopes and those who contribute through the Diocese online giving (allentowndiocese.org/parish-support) and E-offering. *The number above reflects collections received from mailings, online giving, Sunday's Masses and second offerings, including any Diocesan collections.*

Our Lady Help of Christians

2021 WINTER WARM-UP

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BLESSING OF THE THROATS

The “Blessing of the Throats” is a sacramental of the Roman Catholic Church, ordinarily celebrated on February 3rd, the feast day of Saint Blaise of Sebaste.

COVID-19 has reshaped many plans and priorities and the Diocese has had to adapt in serving our Catholic parishioners. Consequently, in accordance with Diocese of Allentown guidelines, Father Rich will perform a general blessing at all Masses January 31st, as well as on the feast day, from the altar.

January 22 is a day we recall with sadness, but now it is also a day of hope. On this day in 1973, the Supreme Court of the United States of America legalized abortion in our country. Forty-six years later, the pro-life generation is gaining even more momentum and the combined voice of those who stand up for life is growing louder. January 22 is now observed as the *Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*.

According to the USCCB, “The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the ‘Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children’: ‘In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22nd shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.’”

On this solemn anniversary of Roe v. Wade, we pray for the protection of unborn children in their mothers’ wombs, but we also realize that the respect of all human life depends on our prayer and action every day. Consider how you can reach out to help a mother facing a crisis pregnancy, visit a sick or elderly person, give food and warmth to the homeless, welcome immigrants in your community, and care for all of God’s children—regardless of age, race, gender, religion, or ability. Every person is cherished by God, and we must be His hands and feet.

ST. ELIZABETH’S DRIVE-THRU SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, January 30th
Spaghetti, Home-Made Meatballs,
Salad, Roll, Butter & Dessert
\$12 – Adults & \$6 – Children 5 – 10

Order by January 22nd. Pick up between
4:00 and 6:30 pm at the Parish Hall 435
Pershing Blvd. Whitehall, PA

Any questions or for order form, please call
the school at 610-264-0143
or email altlse@ptd.net.

Reading I: I Samuel 3: 3b-10, 19

The passage is a story of Samuel's call to be a prophet. His words would be so protected by Yahweh that they would always be effective.

Reading II: I Corinthians 6: 13c-15a, 17-20

If our bodies are to be raised after death, God must attach significance to our actions done in and through the body. Our bodies are also temples of the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel: John 1: 35-42

Andrew brings his brother Simon to Jesus, who gives the man a new name of "Rock," or "Peter." Andrew confers on Jesus the honorific title of "rabbi."

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY!

1/17 Carol Vorholy, Cesar Monroy, Jr.

1/18 Leudyn Tavarez

1/22 Judith D'Annibale



Please pray for our Sister Charlene as her eye surgery is next Tuesday 1/26!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED SOULS WHO PASSED AWAY IN JANUARY

1/1 – William Downing ('79), Modesto Marino ('19)	1/19 – John Lysek ('93)
1/2 – Albert Dorwarth ('03)	1/20 – Anna Reichenbach ('07)
1/3 – Joseph Wiener ('01), Raymond Keppel ('03), Marie Brunner ('06), Daniel Gardo ('07), Dorothy "Woody" O'Donnell ('15)	1/21 – Rita Rehling ('93), George Kinek ('95)
1/4 – Yolanda "Yolie" Sakovits ('18)	1/22 – Kathleen Oswald ('15)
1/5 – Lawrence Killo ('06), James Noti ('11)	1/24 – Anthony Cerulli ('05), Leslie Baker ('16)
1/6 – Patricia Sokolsky ('07), Ernest John ('20)	1/25 – Helen Mailander ('06)
1/9 – Edward Emery ('10)	1/26 – Donald Stout ('10), Patricia Nighan ('13)
1/10 – Joseph Piccerillo ('17)	1/27 – Geraldine 'Gerry' Christopher ('19)
1/11 – Elaine Biasiotto ('05), Ethel Mazurek ('13)	1/28 – Richard Perkins ('13)
1/12 – Esther Chorney ('04), Dylan Hoang ('16)	1/29 – Thomas Verholy ('04), Geraldine Wertman ('17)
1/13 – Catherine Marushak ('04), Arthur & Evelyn Rice ('07)	1/30 – Maria Stout ('17)
1/16 – Robert Kleckner ('04), Marion Schnabel ('11)	

PMASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY	SUNDAY
17	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✠9AM – Louise A. Wisser R/B Nanette & Dolores Gillette ✠11AM – Francis S. Henry R/B Paul & Barbara Yost
MONDAY	
18	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY ✠8AM – Frank Reisinger R/B Ruth Reisinger
TUESDAY	
19	✠8AM – Mass for the People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY	
20	ST. FABIAN ✠8AM – Bernadine & Rudolph Potetz R/B Bernadette Potetz
THURSDAY	
21	ST. AGNES ✠8AM – Lou Hershman R/B Sister Jeanette D. Spadt
FRIDAY	
22	DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN ✠8AM – Maria Rentero R/B Lulu Borrero
SATURDAY	
23	No Masses
SUNDAY	
24	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✠9AM – Ryan Zawada R/B Joe & Diane Zawada ✠11AM – Evelyn Chervanek R/B Paul & Chuck & Linda Smith

Birthday * Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial ✠

ENTRANCE – IMMACULATE MARY

Verse 1: Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing; You reign now in splendor with Jesus, our King.

Refrain: Ave, ave, ave, Maria! Ave, ave, Maria!

Verse 2: Del verbo divino, de Cristo Jesus, Santisima Madre, Maria, eres tu.

Verse 3: We pray for the Church, our true mother on earth;
And beg you to watch o'er the land of our birth.

INTRODUCTORY RITE | PENITENTIAL RITE | ABSOLUTION | THE READINGS

READING 1

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (1/17)

READING 2

GOSPEL

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

OFFERTORY – HERE I AM, LORD

(I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

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

COMMUNION – ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all, One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth, We are one body in this one Lord.

Verse 1: Gentile or Jew, servant or free, Woman or man, no more.

Verse 2: Many the gifts, many the works, One in the Lord of all.

Verse 3: Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.

COMMUNION | CONCLUDING RITES | PRAYER OF ST. MICHAEL

RECESSIONAL – LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, brothers all are we.

Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

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