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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!



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building OUR FUTURE together.



Weekly Offerings

YOUR STEWARDSHIP HELPS SUSTAIN US

January 17, 2020 –\$3,423

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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GOOD
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CALL OR EMAIL THE
RECTORY FOR TICKETS

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, SASE with your request or pick the statement up in the Rectory office M-W 9:30 to 4:15. 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.



Next week (1/31), our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN Holy Hour for Life

Please join us for a Holy Hour for Life in honor of the March for Life event typically held in Washington, DC. The Holy Hour will be a time to pray together for respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death; for those who have been wounded by abortion; for those facing death; and for increased holiness in the Church.

The Holy Hour will be held at Saint Catharine of Siena Cathedral in Allentown on January 28, 2021 at 6:30pm and will be livestreamed to the Diocese of Allentown Facebook page, to AD Today, and to the Diocese of Allentown YouTube channel.

BLESSING OF THE THROATS 1/31/21

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.

Reading I: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

The prophet, as God's spokesman, brings about a miraculous turnaround by the people of Nineveh. Prior to that, the city was known only for its sinful cruelty and wickedness.

Reading II: I Corinthians 7: 29-31

St. Paul believed in an imminent end of the world, so he recommends detachment from earthly ways. It would be ridiculous to maintain one's "status quo" in such circumstances.

The Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20

Jesus calls His first disciples. He was so compelling that they were immediate with their responses. Jesus describes their new life's work as their becoming "fishers of men."



GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY!	
1/26	Sagrario Delgado
1/27	James Ross
1/28	Amauris Navarro
1/29	Juan Urena
1/30	Robert Johnson

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

JANUARY	SUNDAY
24	<u>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u> ✠9AM – Ryan Zawada R/B Joe & Diane Zawada ✠11AM – Evelyn Chervanek R/B Paul & Chuck & Linda Smith
	MONDAY
25	CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, APOSTLE ♦8AM – Special Intention R/B Paul & Barbara Yost
26	TUESDAY
	STS. TIMOTHY & TITUS ♦8AM – Mass for the People of the Parish
27	WEDNESDAY
	✠8AM – Dorothy "Woody" O'Donnell R/B Maureen Whitehead
28	THURSDAY
	ST. THOMAS AQUINAS ✠8AM – Dick Perkins R/B Art & Sheila Breitfeld
29	FRIDAY
	✠8AM – Anthony & Rose Venditto R/B Rosanne Venditto
30	SATURDAY
	No Masses
31	SUNDAY
	<u>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u> ✠9AM – Joseph Wallis R/B Rudy & Esther Györy ✠11AM – Rheta Botteon R/B The Sander Family

Birthday * Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial ✠



Sister Charlene's eye surgery is this Tuesday 1/26! Please send her up a prayer for a full recovery!

ENTRANCE – PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord. And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light. And where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled, as to console,
To be understood, as to understand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

INTRODUCTORY RITE | PENITENTIAL RITE | ABSOLUTION | THE READINGS

READING 1

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Teach me your ways, O Lord. (1/24)

READING 2

GOSPEL

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

OFFERTORY – THE SUMMONS

Verse 1: Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Verse 2: Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

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

COMMUNION – LORD, WHEN YOU CAME TO THE SEASHORE

Verse 1: Lord, when you came to the seashore, You weren't seeking the wise or the wealthy, But only asking that I might follow.

Refrain: O Lord, in my eyes you were gazing, Kindly smiling, my name you were saying;
All I treasured, I have left on the sand there; Close to you, I will find other seas.

Verse 2: Tu sabes bien lo que tengo; En mi barca no-hay oro ni espadas,
Tan solo redes y mi trabajo.

Refrain (Estribillo): Senor, me-has mirado a los ojos, Sonriendo has dicho mi nombre,
En la-arena he dejado mi barca, Junto a ti buscare otro mar.

Verse 3: Lord, have you need of my labor, Hands for service, a heart made for loving, My arms for lifting the poor and broken?

COMMUNION | CONCLUDING RITES | PRAYER OF ST. MICHAEL

RECESSIONAL – CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Verse 1: Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Verse 2: Longing for peace, our world is troubled, Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.

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