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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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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 3RD
TO JANUARY 9TH

The Candle Burns in Loving
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A WORD OF THANKS

Father Rich would like to thank all of those who have done ministry throughout this past year. Even though Covid has not allowed us to put those ministries into practice, your time, talent and treasure is much appreciated. Particular thanks to our music ministry for going the extra mile as we deal with the ongoing restrictions.

For all those who have volunteered to sanitize pews, usher people at liturgy, and decorate our Church for Christmas, we are very thankful. Thank you to everyone for your willingness to support your parish through your stewardship.

May each and every one of us stay safe and have a joyous New 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.



Helping Our Parish Grow
WEEKLY OFFERTORY

YOUR STEWARDSHIP HELPS SUSTAIN US

December 27, 2020 – Not provided due to early bulletin submission

Thank you for your continued support. The statement printed above the amount expresses the gratitude felt in response to your 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 Diocesan collections.*

<u>Parishioner Name(s)</u>	<u>In Memory or in Honor of</u>
Phyllis Andreas	Frank Andreas
Joan Baker	Donna Marie & Leslie Baker
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Alice Werkeiser	Greg Oswald Jr. & Sr., Michael & Kathy Oswald, Richard Werkeiser
Maureen Whitehead	Robert & Anna Whitehead, Bill & Woody O'Donnell
Mary Ann Williamson	The Williamson Family
June Wirth	Rose Wetzal, Wirth Family
Helen Yohe	Helen Urban, Michael Sickunic, Arthur Yohe, Jr.
Ann Yost	Dashner Family

Reading I: Isaiah 60: 1-6

God radiates light inside the city, so darkness surrenders, so to speak, in Jerusalem. All the nations come together to rebuild the city, including people associated with Abraham from the Arabian peninsula.

Reading II: Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

Paul's great insight into the mystery of Christ is that He wills the Gentile nations to be full participants in the Church. Its very foundation is based on Christ and the prophets and especially the Apostles.

The Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-2

The magi were a group who did things like interpret dreams, or work in astrology and magic. Later tradition made them kings. Above all they represent the Gentile world coming to Christ. Their gifts have meaning, so gold represents kingship; incense divinity and myrrh suffering. Or they can be interpreted Virtue, Prayer, and Suffering.



JANUARY SUNDAY

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

3

†9AM – Michael John Horvath
R/B Rosanne Venditto

†11AM – Dorothy “Woody” O’Donnell
R/B Maureen Whitehead

MONDAY

4

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

♦8AM – Health of Margaret Stauffer
R/B Paul & Barbara Yost

TUESDAY

5

ST. JOHN NEUMANN

♦8AM – Mass for the People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY

6

†8AM – Hazel Carter
R/B Rosanne Venditto

THURSDAY

7

†8AM – Lou Hershman
R/B A Friend

FRIDAY

8

†8AM – Rose Dankept
R/B Ruth Reisinger

SATURDAY

9

No Masses

SUNDAY

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

10

♦9AM – Fr. George Kochuparambil
R/B Ann Yost

†11AM – Nancy Smolick
R/B Mary Psarsky

Birthdays * Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial †

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 to 4. 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.

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY!

1/5 Kim Nguyen, Shannon Khoury

1/6 Maria Reyes Ramirez

1/7 Cathleen Anfuso

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)

ENTRANCE – WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

We three kings of Orient are; Bearing gifts, we traverse afar Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star. O, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to the perfect light!

Quo traigo para el rey Que ha nacido aquí en Belen, Rey excelso, Rey eterno, Del mundo sumo bien.
Oh, astro de sublime ardor, De divino resplandor! Nuncio bello, tus destellos Nos guiaran por su fulgor.

Frankincense to offer have I; Incense owns a Deity nigh; Prayer and praising all are raising,
Worshipping God on high. O, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to the perfect light!

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. O, star of wonder, star of night, star with
royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to the perfect light!

INTRODUCTORY RITE | PENITENTIAL RITE | ABSOLUTION | THE READINGS

READING 1

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

READING 2

GOSPEL

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

OFFERTORY – WHAT CHILD IS THIS

Verse 1: What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain: This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing!
Haste, haste to bring him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Verse 2: So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come peasant, king, to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.

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

COMMUNION – THE FIRST NOWELL

Verse 1: The first Nowell the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel!

Verse 2: They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

Verse 3: And by the light of that same star, three wise men came from country far,
To seek a King was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.

COMMUNION | CONCLUDING RITES | PRAYER OF ST. MICHAEL

RECESSIONAL – AS WITH GLADNESS

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; As with joy they hailed its light, leading
onward, beaming bright; So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore your splendor see.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed, There to bend the knee before Christ whom
heav'n and earth adore; So may we with hurried pace run to seek your throne of grace.

As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare; So may we this holy day, drawn to you
without delay, All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you, our heav'nly King.

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