

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – PEACE
SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO – PAZ

DECEMBER 6, 2020
6 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2020

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

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: 8AM

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 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!

*****Christmas Eve and Christmas Masses require a reservation this year!***
Please fill out the form below and return to the Rectory or place in the box by the Offertory box. Form must be filled out by December 13th.**



FAMILY LAST NAME (THIS WILL BE ON LIST): _____

FIRST NAME (HEAD): _____ PHONE AND EMAIL _____

NO. ATTENDING UNDER THIS NAME: _____

RANK 1 THROUGH 5 YOUR ORDER OF PREFERENCE FOR MASS
IF YOU DO NOT HEAR FROM US, YOU RECEIVED YOUR FIRST CHOICE

12/24 2PM _____ 12/24 4:30PM _____ 12/24 7PM _____

12/25 9AM _____ 12/25 11AM _____



Helping Our Parish Grow
WEEKLY OFFERTORY

YOUR STEWARDSHIP HELPS SUSTAIN US

November 29, 2020 - \$4,002

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.*



FROM DECEMBER 6th
TO DECEMBER 12th

The Candle Burns in Loving
Memory of:

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OLHC MEMORIAL FUND



CHRISTMAS MASSES SEE PAGE 1



Please note this year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we will be having a reservation system with our Christmas Masses, in order to responsibly practice social distancing. The insert was in the 11/22 bulletin. We also have a reservation form on page 1 of this bulletin.

It is important to fill your reservation and get it back to the Rectory as soon as possible.

IF YOU DON'T HEAR BACK FROM US, YOU HAVE YOUR NUMBER ONE MASS PICK. Please leave an email address if possible, that is our preferred order of contact.

Dear Parishioners,

I'm writing to tell you that I've moving into a new role at St. Luke's from Parish Nurse to Nurse Practitioner. Unfortunately, this means that I will no longer be assigned to Our Lady Help of Christians as your Parish Nurse. It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as your Parish Nurse by meeting with you individually, going on communion calls and home visits and attending various Parish functions. Thank you for your warm welcome. Please know that the beautiful people of OLHC will always be in my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Allen Zelno RN, CRNP



DECEMBER 1-22 – ADVENT PENANCE:
See dates to the right.

DECEMBER 24TH – VIGIL MASSES
2PM, 4:30PM, 7PM

****Reservations Required****

DECEMBER 25TH – CHRISTMAS MASSES
9:00AM and 11:00AM

****Reservations Required****

DECEMBER 31ST – NEW YEARS EVE
7:00PM Vigil Mass

JANUARY 1, 2021 – SOLEMNITY OF MARY
9:00AM and 11:00AM Mass

Note: Last week's bulletin listed the wrong Christmas Day Mass times; they are 9 and 11AM



PENANCE DATES:
Confession is in the Sacristy
12/6 – NOON-1PM
12/8 – 6-7PM
12/11 – NOON-1PM
12/12 – 9-10AM
12/13 – NOON-1PM
12/15 – 6-7PM
12/18 – NOON-1PM
12/19 – 9-10AM
12/20 – NOON-1PM
12/21 – 6-7PM
12/22 – 6-7PM.

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.

Reading I: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

These verses open the so-called "Book of Comfort." We read of the commissioning of the prophet. Later in history John the Baptist will fulfill Isaiah's declaration about a "desert voice proclaiming."

Reading II: 2 Peter 3: 8-14

The unknown author (definitely not St. Peter) addresses the criticism he has heard of God's providence. He explains "divine time," and His "delay" which is actually His patience with sinners.

The Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

This prologue relates for the reader the promises of the Old Testament prophets to the work of John the Baptist and to Jesus as "the coming One." We also receive a portrayal of St. John's humility.

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY!

12/6	Jean Lamaestra (94!), Barbara Oravec, Marianne Pagano
12/9	Solange Williams
12/11	Richard Vorholy, Roseanne Kratzer, Yen Nguyen
12/12	Roseann Haake, Jesse Vu

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED SOULS WHO PASSED AWAY IN DECEMBER

12/1 – Carol Kopishke ('01), Francis Falatek ('05), Margaret Boyer ('12)	12/16 – Lucille Simpson ('19)
12/2 – Joseph Ganguzza ('06), Theresa Roth ('17), Jack Booros ('18)	12/17 – Carl Stroble
12/3 – Stephen Rengert ('07), Agnes Novak ('11), Daniel Klase ('17)	12/20 – Alois Kropf ('03), Dorothy Burick ('13)
12/5 – Helen Worman ('06), Mary Young ('07)	12/21 – Virgil Biasiotto ('01), Gloria Anfuso ('09), Ann Snyder ('13), Joseph Long ('17)
12/6 – Ann John ('00), Janet Garger ('16)	12/22 – John Gaspar ('00), George Hart ('00), James Duffy ('05)
12/7 – Rose Venditto ('09)	12/26 – Edward Bushner ('15)
12/8 – Mary Wiener (00), Richard Buchanin ('04), Jeffrey Hart ('15)	12/27 – Gaetano Riccio ('07), John Sack ('12), Frances Fried ('13), Loretta Rohrbach ('18)
12/11 – Louis Spironello ('86)	12/28 – Nancy Kline ('08)
12/13 – Louis Acosta ('10)	12/29 – Albert Bigatel ('11)
12/14 – William Corby ('10)	12/30 – Anna Marie Smolick ('10), Maryellen Randolph ('11)
12/15 – Helen Oravec ('93), Catherine Shankweiler ('08), Jennie Keglovitz ('12)	12/31 – Joseph Temmel, Sr. ('07)



DECEMBER SUNDAY

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6

†9AM – William Corby
R/B Lydia Corby

†11AM – Janet Garger
R/B Michael Garger & Family

MONDAY

7

NOTICE

ST. AMBROSE

†7PM – Rose Venditto
R/B Rosanne Venditto

(NO 8AM MASS THIS DAY)

TUESDAY

8

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM

†8AM – Bill & Woody O'Donnell
R/B Maureen O'Donnell

WEDNESDAY

9

†8AM – Jim Reinsmith
R/B Dolores Oswald

THURSDAY

10

♦9AM – Mass for the People of the Parish

FRIDAY

11

ST. DAMASUS I

†8AM – Mary & Paul Reinsmith
R/B Dolores Oswald

SATURDAY

12

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
No Masses

SUNDAY

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

13

†9AM – Rich Gable
R/B Susan Teaford

†11AM – Richard Shott
R/B Louis & Ellen Shott

Birthday * Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial †

GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA FOR ONLY \$20!

If you or anyone on your Christmas list love flowers and plants, we have the perfect Christmas gift for you! For \$20 you can purchase a card from Dan Schantz Greenhouse which entitles you to get a free floral item or arrangement for each month of 2021. Make your Christmas shopping easy and help to support this fundraiser at the same time.

ENTRANCE – ON JORDAN’S BANK

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be ev'ry heart from sin; make straight the way for God within,
And let each heart prepare a home where such a mighty guest may come.

For you are our salvation, Lord; our refuge and our great reward;
Without your grace we waste away like flow'rs that wither and decay.

INTRODUCTORY RITE | PENITENTIAL RITE | ABSOLUTION | THE READINGS

READING 1

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

READING 2

GOSPEL

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

OFFERTORY – MARANATHA

Refrain: Come, Lord, come Lord Jesus. Give your people hope.
Come, Lord, come Lord Jesus, and lead your people home.

Verse 1: O lord of Light, fill the night. Many have lost their way.
O Rising Dawn, shine upon, darkness shall be no more.

Verse 2: Emmanuel, Emmanuel, promised so long ago.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, God is with us at last.

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

COMMUNION – GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT

Refrain: You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;
Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

Tu sacias todo corazon con trigo del mejor.
El pan de vida, danas ho Ven Cristo Salvador.

Verse 1: As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice,
So when you call your family, Lord, we follow and rejoice.

Verse 2: Lao veja sigue una voz; co nocea su pastor.
Con gozo te seguimos hoy nos llamas, buen Senor.

Verse 3: With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude,
The you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heavenly food.

COMMUNION | CONCLUDING RITES | PRAYER OF ST. MICHAEL

RECESSIONAL – THE KING OF GLORY

Refrain: The King of Glory comes, the nation rejoices;
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

Verse 1: Who is the King of Glory; how shall we call him? He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages.

Verse 2: In all of Galilee, in city or village, He goes among his people curing their illness.
People, look East, and sing today: Love the Bird is on the way.

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