

# OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

*Allentown, Pennsylvania | Roman Catholic Parish Community*



## WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

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### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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  
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[www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) under "Youth Protection."

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## PARISH MEMBERSHIP

To receive Sacraments, you must be a REGISTERED PARISHIONER. Yellow census forms can be obtained by calling or emailing the Rectory. Please fill out and drop off as soon as possible so that you may participate more fully in the life of the parish. If you move, or change your number, please call or email the Rectory so our records can be kept current. *If you are over 18, please register to get your own envelopes.*

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

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

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM/ BAPTISM SPONSORS

Please call the rectory to schedule an interview. *Parents and Godparents will need to attend one 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 parishioner or will need a letter of good standing from his/her current Parish. Anyone requesting a Baptism must be registered in the Church (fill out our Census form), turn in envelopes and must be actively attending Church for at least (3) months. *Note: A \$50.00 contribution is requested on or before the day of Baptism.**

Only registered, practicing, fully-initiated Catholics are eligible for sponsor certificates.

## PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

As soon as you become engaged, call the parish to begin the marriage preparation process. You will arrange a time to meet with Fr. Rich. You will not be able to establish a wedding date on the parish calendar until this initial meeting takes place. 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.

## SACRAMENT TO THE HOMEBOUND

First Friday of each month. ~~Eucharistic Ministers do the same on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.~~ The Sacrament of the Sick is available anytime upon request. Please call the Rectory for arrangements.

## DAILY AND WEEKLY MEMORIALS

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. We publish this memorial weekly in the bulletin.

Mass intentions are \$10 each. The Rectory can be called or emailed, there is no need to stop in. You can mail in your check or drop into the offering box.

Those whose names are enrolled in the Memorial Fund will be included in (12) special Masses per year (as well as others). Suggested offering is \$25. Stop by the office for a beautiful hardcover bound booklet that can be presented.

## HELP OLHC CONTINUE

Gifts provided through wills and personal trusts can make such a difference in the continued operation of our Church. These gifts enable a donor to make contributions that may not have been possible during their lifetime. If you value the mission of OLHC and want to see us continue, please consider this. Thank you!



*Helping Our Parish Grow*  
WEEKLY OFFERTORY

## YOUR STEWARDSHIP HELPS SUSTAIN US

October 25, 2020 - \$3,383

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](http://allentowndiocese.org/parish-support)) and Eoffering. The number above reflects collections received from mailings, Sunday's Masses and second offerings, including Diocesan collections.



*The Sanctuary Lamp*  
The Light that Symbolizes  
the Eternal Sacrifice

FROM NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>  
TO NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

The Candle Burns in Loving  
Memory of:

MEMBERS OF THE  
OSWALD FAMILY

Requested by: Alice Werkheiser



IS CHRIST  
**Calling you?**  
National Vocation  
Awareness Week  
November 1 - 7

Did you know that in our country, compared to 50 years ago, there are 20,000 fewer priests and 130,000 fewer religious sisters? At the same time, the Catholic population has continued to grow steadily. Many factors have contributed to the decline: growing secularism, a lengthened period of adolescence, attitudes about celibacy, etc.

During National Vocation Awareness week, please pray that young people today will hear and respond to God's call. And do your part to encourage them to consider the priesthood and religious life.

There have been reports from some people in the Diocese about emails or text messages saying that their Pastor or priest is soliciting money or gift cards. Please be aware that this is a scam.

**MASS FOR THE BEREAVED WAS CELEBRATED VIRTUALLY YESTERDAY, 10/31/20.** All those in the parish community who had a bereavement are invited (virtually) to view our Memorial Mass of remembrance of your dearly departed family member(s). All members deceased in the past year will be remembered. Mass will be recorded and uploaded today (11/1) on YouTube (Father Rich Brensinger) and on our Facebook page.



## TODAY IS ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1<sup>ST</sup>. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2<sup>ND</sup>, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.



*Happy Thanksgiving!*

"...in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."  
1 Thessalonians 5:18, NKJV

We are continuing our tradition of creating baskets for Thanksgiving. We are going to do ten this year. We would like to share God's blessing with other families in the East Allentown area. Especially this year, we have been getting calls for help in the Rectory and it is very real that some families in this area do not have enough resources to have a good Thanksgiving dinner.

We would like to put together 10 laundry baskets of Thanksgiving dinner ingredients to be picked up Saturday before Thanksgiving. We are looking for the following items: Laundry baskets, canned ham, frozen turkey, gravy, stuffing, brownie mix and cans of veggies. You can add to that if you wish – napkins, detergents, hand soaps, toothpaste.

If you know of a family in need of a Thanksgiving dinner, please contact the rectory by phone or email ([ourladyhlp@aol.com](mailto:ourladyhlp@aol.com)). We would be happy to help.

Please drop off at the Rectory (Monday to Wednesday) or to Father Rich after Mass.

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) o llamando al 800-276-1562.

**Reading I: Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14**

Here we have two distinct visions of John. In the first, 144,000 are observed “sealed on the forehead” with God’s name for their fidelity to Him. In the second, an uncountable group from all nations wear white robes cleansed in the Lamb’s Blood and they hoist the palm frond of victory.

**Reading II: I John 3: 1-3**

This is an exhortation to the Johannine community that God’s love for them makes them “children of God.” They sing in response, because they believe they will become divinized. They also believe that God demands of them that they be as pure as possible.

**The Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12a**

The famous “Sermon on the Mount,” encompassing the next two chapters in Matthew, begins with Jesus’ eight beatitudes. A beatitude is defined as “an exclamation of congratulations that recognizes an existing state of happiness.”

**GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY!**

11/1	Gisela Lang (95!), Kevin Soto
11/2	Louis Gabrielle, Angel Estevez, Andrea Baladi, Melissa Velazquez
11/4	Ralph Bove
11/5	Gerry Heinbach
11/6	Josefina Sosa
11/7	Edna Figueroa, Ernest Schwab

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED SOULS WHO PASSED AWAY IN NOVEMBER**

<u>11/1</u> – John Pavlinsky ('89)	<u>11/19</u> – Francis Stelzman ('14), Francis 'Babe' Schuler ('16)
<u>11/2</u> – Rose Mary Heinbach ('06), MaryEllen Berger ('08), Joseph Janscak ('10)	<u>11/20</u> – Louise Schnellbach ('14), Barbaranne Berger ('17)
<u>11/3</u> – Richard Corazza ('15), Helen Kulbaba ('17)	<u>11/21</u> – Eugene Flanley ('08)
<u>11/7</u> – Terry Martinez ('06), Fadeleh El Chaar ('10)	<u>11/23</u> – Gregory Oswald ('15)
<u>11/8</u> – Angeline Wranitz ('06)	<u>11/24</u> – June Robb ('04), Margaret Czapp ('05), Helen Unger ('09)
<u>11/9</u> – Elizabeth Fritz ('04)	<u>11/25</u> – Antoinette Pribila ('02)
<u>11/10</u> – Louis John D'Annibale ('93), Gerald Wertman ('10)	<u>11/26</u> – Nancy Fedok ('07)
<u>11/11</u> – Ann Ferry ('10)	<u>11/27</u> – Charles Royer ('08)
<u>11/12</u> – Anna Matok ('08)	<u>11/28</u> – Joseph Birchak ('18)
<u>11/13</u> – Walter Schmidt ('13)	<u>11/29</u> – Anita Verholy ('18)
<u>11/15</u> – John Ponticelli ('08), Ellen Sincavage ('13)	<u>11/30</u> Harry Schaffer ('03), Susan Ritter ('17)
<u>11/16</u> – Dolores Kinek ('15)	



**NOVEMBER SUNDAY**

**THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS**

**1**

✠9AM – Greg Oswald Sr.  
R/B Dolores Oswald

◆11AM – Mass of Thanksgiving  
R/B Bob & June Wirth

**MONDAY**

**2**

**THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY)**

✠8AM – OLHC Memorial Fund

**TUESDAY**

**3**

✠8AM – Louis Hershman  
R/B Mary Glazik

**WEDNESDAY**

**4**

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEO**  
\*8AM – Rosalia Velazquez's 88<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
R/B Kathy Godshall

**THURSDAY**

**5**

◆8AM - Mass for the People of the Parish

**FRIDAY**

**6**

✠8AM – Bud Phillips  
R/B Martha & JoAnn Phillips

**SATURDAY**

**7**

No Masses

**SUNDAY**

**32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8**

✠9AM – Ryan Zawada  
R/B Diane & Joe Zawada

✠11AM – Albert Albino  
R/B Adnery de la Rosa & Family

**Birthday \* Support ◆ Anniversary ♥ Memorial ✠**

**Congratulations to our CCD children who made their First Holy Communion on October 17<sup>th</sup>!**

**Dayanna Estevez, Kamryn Khoury, Christian Lopez, Karla Medina, Ashley Montani, Jonathan Najm, Randy Rodriguez, Samantha Rodriguez, Angel Tavares.**

**May God guard them and guide them in their life!**

**ENTRANCE – FOR ALL THE SAINTS**

**Verse 1:** For all the saints, who from their labors rest. All who by faith before the world confessed. Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Verse 2:** You were their rock, their fortress, and their might; You, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; You, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Verse 3:** O may your soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**INTRODUCTORY RITE | PENITENTIAL RITE | ABSOLUTION | THE READINGS**

**READING 1 | RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

**READING 2**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

**GOSPEL**

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

**OFFERTORY – JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE YOU**

Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flowers before you, Opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

Jubilosos, te adoramos, Dios de gloria y Salvador; nuestras vidas entregamos como se abre al sol la flor. Desvanece nuestros males y tristezas, oh Jesus; danos bienes celestiales, llenanos de gozo y luz.

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

**COMMUNION – O SACRAMENT MOST HOLY**

**Verse 1:** O Jesus, we adore you, Who, in your love divine, Conceal your mighty Godhead in forms of bread and wine.

**Refrain:** O sacrament most holy, O sacrament divine, All praise and all thanksgiving be ev'ry moment thine.

**Verse 2:** O Jesus, we adore you, our victim and our priest, Whose precious blood and body become our sacred feast.

**CONCLUDING RITES | PRAYER OF ST. MICHAEL | COMMUNION**

**RECESSIONAL – BLEST ARE THEY**

**Verse 1:** Blest are they the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.

**Refrain:** Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

**Verse 2:** Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth. Blest are they who hunger and thirst, they shall have their fill.

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