

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - HOPE
PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO - ESPERANZA

NOVEMBER 29, 2020
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Allentown, Pennsylvania | Roman Catholic Parish Community



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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.

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There is a link to the Charter for the Protection of
Children and Young People on the Diocese website at
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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 22, 2020 - Not available due to early submission of bulletin

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 Eoffering. *The number above reflects collections received from mailings, online giving, Sunday's Masses and second offerings, including Diocesan collections.*



FROM NOVEMBER 29th
TO DECEMBER 5th

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 out this insert and get it back to the Rectory as soon as possible. The top part of the bulletin has lines next to the times for you to remember your order of priority

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.

This year, our church will be observing once again, the four Sundays before Christmas as the season of Advent starting with next Sunday. The word "Advent" comes from the Latin "Adventus" which means "coming or grand entrance". When the date for observing the birth of Jesus was set, the four Sundays before Christmas took on this special significance of preparation. Many churches across a wide variety of denominations have found that the meaning of Christmas is greatly enhanced by observing this special time of preparation.

In the next four weeks, our church will be making a spiritual journey – a pilgrimage into the birth of Christ. This journey will be ordered by our worship which will highlight the different aspects of us drawing closer to His birth. During this time, we will be journeying along a narrative that is both historical and theological. To celebrate this time, we will submit to a wide range of themes and emotions: from hope to joy, from darkness to light, from yearning for deliverance to the very manifestation of God's coming in judgment and in life giving union with humanity. We will focus on the need for repentance and purity as we make this journey.

Advent has a three-fold meaning in the life of the church: 1. The coming of the Messiah in the flesh in the person of Jesus. (He came.) 2. The birth of Jesus not only in the flesh, but in our hearts. (He still comes today.) 3. The coming our Lord at the end of history. (He will come again.) For these reasons, the themes in Advent are highly forward-looking and anticipatory. It is a unique time of the year where we are able to focus on what it means to be a Christian, here and now.

Christmas Flower
Donation Envelopes



Christmas flower offering envelopes will occur in the 12/6 collection if you would like to make an offering for Christmas flowers, in memory or honor of a loved one, to decorate the Church.

Names will be listed in the 1/3/21 bulletin. Your contribution may be placed in the Sunday offering basket or delivered to the Rectory by Dec. 21st.

Pondering over cooking some new recipes while you shelter in place? Our OLHC cookbook has many exciting recipes from soups, casseroles, main dishes and desserts. Share some comfort food (what we all need) with your family. To get a cookbook call the rectory or Kathy at 484 866 3437. Cost is \$10.

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 63: 16-17, 19; 64: 2-7

The prophet quotes a psalmist who cries out like a despairing man, and implores God's intervention. He admits that God has abandoned the sinner to his guilt.

Reading II: I Corinthians 1: 3-9

Paul declares himself to be an authentic apostle by virtue of his calling. Using his regular salutation signifies God's goodness and His many gifts. He thanks God especially for His gifts to the Corinthian community.

The Gospel: Mark 13: 33-37

"Not knowing the day nor the hour" is Mark's reason for exhorting vigilance. Jesus expands His meaning to go past the pending destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple to include all Jews and Jewish Christians.



NOVEMBER

SUNDAY

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

29

†9AM – Michael Oswald
R/B Dolores Oswald

†11AM – Joey Oravec
R/B Joe & Barbara Oravec

MONDAY

30

ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE

†8AM – Nancy Curran
R/B Ed Curran

DECEMBER

TUESDAY

1

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

WEDNESDAY

2

†8AM – Kathleen Oswald
R/B Dolores Oswald

THURSDAY

3

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

♦9AM – Mass for the People of the Parish

FRIDAY

4

ST. JOHN DAMASCENE

†8AM – Daniel Klase
R/B Jackie Klase & Family

SATURDAY

5

No Masses

SUNDAY

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6

†9AM – William Corby
R/B Lydia Corby

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

Birthday * Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial †

PENANCE DATES: Confession will be in the Sacristy, please wait in line in center Church aisle:

12/1 – 6-7PM | 12/4 -NOON-1PM | 12/5 – 9-10AM |
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.

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY!

12/1 Gabriel Tavarez

12/4 Luz Sanchez, John Guzley, Rudy Guzley



DECEMBER 1-22 – ADVENT PENANCE:

See dates below

DECEMBER 24TH –VIGIL MASSES

2PM, 4:30PM, 7PM

Reservations Required

DECEMBER 25TH – CHRISTMAS MASSES

8:00AM and 10:00AM

Reservations Required

DECEMBER 31ST – NEW YEARS EVE

7:00PM Vigil Mass

JANUARY 1, 2021 – SOLEMNITY OF MARY

9:00AM and 11:00AM Mass



This is an excellent time for spiritual preparation as we anticipate the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas. We invite you to ask for God's forgiveness and to offer forgiveness to those who have hurt us.

ENTRANCE – O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Oh ven, oh ven, Emmanuel, Que das le ley y eres nuestro Rey. Ven, Esperado, ven, Redentor, Ven a tu pueblo, Dios y Salvador. Alegrate, oh Israel! Vendra, vendra Emmanuel!

O come, O Wisdom from on high, Who orders all things mightily; To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

INTRODUCTORY RITE | PENITENTIAL RITE | ABSOLUTION | THE READINGS

READING 1

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

READING 2

GOSPEL

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

OFFERTORY – O LORD OF LIGHT

O Lord of light, who made the stars, O Dawn by whom we see the way,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all, make haste to listen as we pray!

In lowliness you came on earth to rescue us from Satan's snares:
O wondrous love that healed our wounds by taking on our mortal cares!

To pay the debt we owed for sin your painful cross was named the price;
From Mary's virgin shrine you came, a spotless Lamb for sacrifice.

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

COMMUNION – TASTE AND SEE

**Refrain: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord. O taste and see,
taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

**Verse 1: I will bless the Lord at all times; praise shall always be on my lips.
My soul shall glory in the Lord for God has been so good to me.**

**Verse 2: Glorify the Lord with me; together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free.**

**Verse 3: Worship the Lord, all you people; you'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust.**

COMMUNION | CONCLUDING RITES | PRAYER OF ST. MICHAEL

RECESSIONAL – PEOPLE, LOOK EAST

People, look East, the time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table. People, look East, and sing today: Love the Guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad, though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there. Give up your strength the
seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish. People, look East, and sing today: Love the
Rose is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled. Even the hour
when wings are frozen now for fledging time is chosen.

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