

Our Lady Help of Christians Church

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A Roman Catholic Parish Community

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PASTOR

Reverend Monsignor William F. Bayer,
Th.M., M. Div., CCCE, KCHS

PERMANENT DEACONS

Deacon Reuben H. Hartzell

Deacon Jeffrey R. Trexler,
KCHS, Ph.D., Ch.D.

RECTORY STAFF

Elaine Mitchell,
Bulletin/Parish Secretary

Charles A. Green, M.A.,
Bookkeeper

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Wednesday

8AM at Our Lady Help of Christians

Tuesday - Thursday

8AM at Saints Simon & Jude

Friday or Saturday

8AM (Alternating) at Saints Simon & Jude

Call 610-866-5582 x7 weekly to check

Saturday - 5PM Saints Simon & Jude

Sunday - 9AM SS&J / 11AM OLHC

VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

Wendy Krisak, M.A. NCC, LPC
1-800-791-9209 (Direct Line)

SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR

Pamela Russo, MSW, MS
prusso@allentowndiocese.org
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O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the
Heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us,

I Trust In You!



DIVINE MERCY

April 16, 2023



Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to our parish choir and musicians for the music during Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday and the celebration at the Easter vigil.

On the Sundays and Saturday evening Masses, the blessing and sprinkling of water may take place as a reminder of our baptism.

Monsignor Baver



SACRAMENTAL AND PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

In order to receive any Sacraments or sponsor certificates, you must be a REGISTERED PARISHIONER. Please see Monsignor Baver after Mass to register.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Confession is every Saturday from 4PM to 4:45PM at Saints Simon and Jude Church in Bethlehem.

SACRAMENT TO THE HOMEBOUND/SICK

Communion calls are typically done the first week of the month. Notify the rectory when a parishioner is in the hospital or ill at home to receive the Eucharist and Anointing of the Sick or be listed on our Communion calls.

CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITY

If you need a Certificate of Eligibility for Baptism or to be a Confirmation sponsor, please see Monsignor Baver after Mass.



Deacon Trexler will be leaving for the Annual Pilgrimage of the Order of Malta to Lourdes, France on April 23, 2023.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

For registered parishioners, preparation should begin one year, but no less than six months, prior to the proposed date of marriage.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are held for registered parishioners following the 11AM Mass. Parents should see Monsignor Baver after Mass.

CEMETERIES

To arrange a Christian burial, please contact the following cemeteries:

Holy Savior Cemetery: 610-866-2372 X1
Resurrection Cemetery: 610-395-3819 X1

LEGACY

Gifts provided through wills and personal trusts can make such a difference in the continued operation of our Parish, enabling a donor to make contributions that may not have been possible during their lifetime. If you value the continuity as well as the mission of OLHC, please consider this.

This pilgrimage brings almost 10,000 Knights, Dames, Medical Teams, Clergy, Volunteers from all of the Orders Grand Pories, Sub-Pories, Associations which make up the Order throughout the world. They bring with them their *Malades* (French term for the sick) and care for them for one week in Lourdes every spring. In Lourdes, our Blessed Mother appeared on three separate occasions in 1858 to Bernadette Soubirous, a poor teenage peasant girl. Miraculous healings, both spiritual and physical have been reported since the apparitions. *Deacon Trexler would be happy to personally take your confidential intentions to the Grotto, where Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette.* Intentions cards are available in the vestibule of the Church. Simply write your personal intentions and place them in the box that is provided. The last date to submit your intentions will be April 16th. OUR LADY OF LOURDES.....PRAY FOR US!

"For God loves a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:7



Sunday Offerings, including Second
Collections and Eofferings:

4/2 – \$3,051
4/9 – \$6,659

Thank you to those who always "catch up"
with their weekly envelopes. We are grateful
for every gift received by the faithful.



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SUNDAY

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY
Celebrant: Monsignor Walter J. Scheaffer

16

9AM – Mass at Saints Simon & Jude

11AM – †Mildred Mitroka
R/B Rosanne Venditto

MONDAY

17

8AM – †John J. Wask
R/B Wife Dorothy Wask

TUESDAY

18

8AM – Mass at Saints Simon & Jude

WEDNESDAY

19

8AM – †OLHC Memorial Fund

THURSDAY

20

8AM – Mass at Saints Simon & Jude

FRIDAY

21

NO 8AM Mass at Saints Simon & Jude

SATURDAY

22

8AM – Mass at Saints Simon & Jude
5PM – Mass at Saints Simon & Jude

SUNDAY

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
9AM – Mass at Saints Simon & Jude

23

11AM – †Chris Johnson
R/B Cynthia Johnson

From **Sunday April 16** to **Saturday April 22** Our **Sanctuary Lamp Burns**

In Memory Of **Haffner Family**

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GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

- 4/16 Joseph Anfuso
- 4/20 Andrew Howard (1!)
- 4/21 Daniel Frederick
Wilson Bueno



CHURCH
Fundraiser

While there will be no Night at the Races spring fundraiser this year, we are working on something fun! We are always in need of volunteers! Email ourladyhlp@aol.com if you are interested in using your time and talent at OLHC.



Birthday * Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial †

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED SOULS WHO PASSED AWAY IN APRIL

4/1 – Guy Gillette ('03), Stephen Kuchera ('06), William Racosky ('07), Verne Bray ('12)	4/17 - Joseph 'Curly' Psarsky ('17), Donald Bittenbender ('16)
4/3 – Ernest Schwab ('08), Joseph Lewis ('16), Marian 'Grace' Royer ('22)	4/18 – Sonia Aviles ('19)
4/4 – George Szep ('98)	4/19 – Gordon Shea, Sr. ('06)
4/5 – Andrew 'Bumper' Robb ('21)	4/20 – William Hoffner ('95), Albert Parry ('11), Neil Wirth ('18)
4/7 – Susan Kosalko ('12), Gertrude Walter ('16)	4/21 – Michael Buchanin ('9)
4/8 – Mary Micklos ('99), Geza 'Reds' Borath ('08)	4/22 – Marie Ocelletto ('04), Jeffrey Maurer ('05), Arnold 'Chooch' Follweiler ('11), Matthew 'Mike' Celia ('16)
4/10 – Charles 'Bucky' Boyle (06), Helen Janscak ('07), Teresa Novatnak ('12), Rose Povalac ('15)	4/23 – Florence Snell ('16)
4/11 – Rudolph Potetz ('97), Elizabeth 'Elsie' Pavlick ('18)	4/24 – Anita Hershman ('05), Luke Schnabel ('10)
4/14 – James Haggerty ('14)	4/26 – George Hornak ('02), Margaret Kushner ('06), Lawrence Drybola ('09), Mary Best ('10), Margaret 'Marjie' Booros ('17)
4/15 – Eva Kern ('08), Maria Andreas ('18), Mary Waters ('19)	4/27 – John 'Ducky' Muscovitch ('00), Elizabeth Osinkosky ('06), Viola Voyden ('11)
4/16 – William Tramontano ('09)	4/28 – Helen Rizzotto ('13)

Each year, the Sunday following Easter marks Divine Mercy Sunday. As we continue our journey through the Easter Season, the Church draws our attention to a special devotion that began after Jesus' appearances to St. Faustina Kowalska early in the 20th century. So, what is Divine Mercy anyways? The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "*the Gospel is the revelation in Jesus Christ of God's mercy to sinners.*" This is what Divine Mercy is all about. Lent calls us to look at our spiritual lives and see where pruning and watering is needed. Then we celebrate Easter, and we are filled with the joy of the Risen Christ. While Jesus is risen, we are still here on Earth, full of suffering, poverty, brokenness and sin. As such, we are constantly in need of God's mercy and love. Jesus told St. Faustina, "*I am love and Mercy Itself. There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted – it increases. The soul that trusts in My mercy is most fortunate, because I Myself take care of it.*" Divine Mercy means saying to Jesus, "I trust in You."

“What Your Pastor Won’t Tell You About Parish Giving” by Joanne McPortland

January 2023. It is that time of year. Your new set of Sunday offering envelopes arrives in the mail. Maybe you are still hearing echoes of last fall’s pleas for a renewed commitment to weekly parish giving. Or your parish is beginning the pledge process for the annual diocesan collection. You might catch yourself grumbling, “Money! Money! Money! That is all the pastor ever talks about!”

Here is a secret: Your parish priest dreads this even more than you do. And another secret: Whether it’s once or twice a year (which is standard) or more frequently (when driven by dire necessity), chances are that if Father has to mention money at all, he’s not talking about it nearly often enough.

Think about that first part. Your pastor is living out his priestly vocation to preach the Gospel, minister the sacraments, and bring people to Christ. Unless his was a late-in-life calling from the business world, it is unlikely that he was ever trained in the branch management of a good-sized non-profit corporation, which is the equivalent of the pastor’s secular responsibilities. Your average diocesan priest hates talking about money even more than you hate hearing about it. Fortunately, your pastor probably has more support to draw on now than pastors had in your parents’ or grandparents’ day. Diocesan stewardship offices provide guidance and resources, and many parishes have finance committees or parish councils with members who have business and finance backgrounds. Pastors have more help making wise financial decisions.

But here is something that has not changed in generations – and it’s the reason your priest can’t talk about money enough. The average share of our income that we U.S. Catholics give to our Church (including not just weekly parish giving, but special collections and other Church-related charities) is a mere 1% – the same as it has been as long as anyone’s been counting. That is the lowest percentage of giving of any major religious denomination in the United States.

The truth is that fewer than 1 in 3 Americans who identify themselves as Catholic attend Mass on a “regular” basis (defined as “at least once a month”). And of those regular attendees, only 30% give to the support of their parish. Of those, many are likely to toss the same 2 or 3 crumpled dollar bills into the collection basket as their parents did before them.

And this in a time when just keeping the lights on, the boiler heated up, the organ in tune, and the parking lot free of potholes cost more than ever. Your priest hates having to nickel-and-dime the congregation from the pulpit. But when so few of us have any real notion of or commitment to real parish stewardship, he often has no choice.

Read more about this article at: <https://aleteia.org/2017/01/09/what-your-pastor-wont-tell-you-about-parish-giving/>



At the May 14th Mass, your mothers will be included in the Mass intention and General Intercessions. Collection envelopes will be displayed near the altar. Also on this weekend will there be a bulletin feature of all the names submitted on the envelopes. Envelopes not returned by Monday, May 8 will not be included in the Bulletin but any envelopes returned after then will be included in the Mass Intentions and display.

Here is Sister Charlene at the Mother House in Mendham, NJ last month. Sister is 93 years young and feeling and looking great! She keeps herself busy by doing administrative work in the office. She misses everyone in Allentown.

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If you want to write Sister Charlene, she is at:

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Sister Charlene Verbetich, SCC
350 Bernardsville Rd.
Mendham, NJ 07945

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She also loves visits!

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