

Our Lady Help of Christians Church

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A Roman Catholic Parish Community

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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

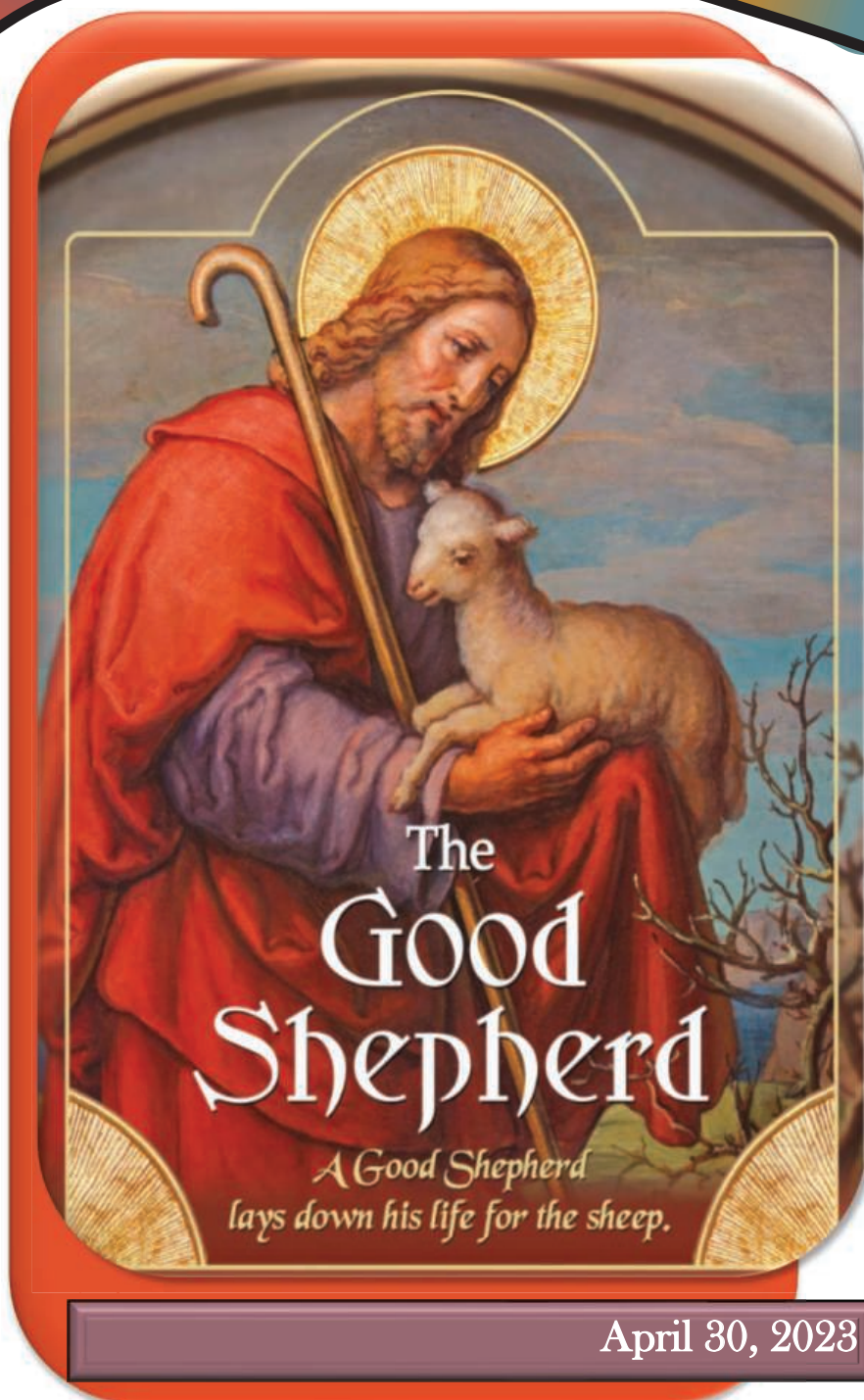
Sunday - 9AM SS&J / 11AM OLHC

VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

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April 30, 2023

Dear Parishioners,

The Fourth Sunday of Easter reminds us that God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah. Through his wounds, we have been healed and have returned to our shepherd.

Today has been designated as "World Day of Prayer for Vocations." Prayers for vocations to the permanent diaconate, the priesthood, and the consecrated life are stressed this weekend.

The Chapel drains have been unblocked. The water-logged paint has been scraped and new paint has been applied to the ceiling where the plaster had deteriorated. Hopefully, we will begin to use the chapel for weekday Mass beginning in June following the end of the Easter Season.

A WORD
FROM THE
PASTOR

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.



Resurrection peace to the families of Annamarie Casciano (April 18th) and Helen Yohe (April 21st). May they rejoice in the presence of God forever with all the angels and saints.

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.

**MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY!
EACH SUNDAY IN MAY, COME
20 MINUTES EARLY TO PRAY
THE ROSARY WITH US.**

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

Sunday Offerings, including Second
Collections and Eofferings:

4/23 – \$2,713
Easter – \$5,974

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

From
Sunday
April 30

to

Saturday
May 6
Our
Sanctuary
Lamp Burns

In Memory
Of

Joseph A.
Gabrielle, Jr.

Requested
by

Gabrielle
Family



GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

4/30 Christopher Navarro Vidal
5/01 Mary Hart
5/02 Ashley Montani
5/05 Enrique Nguyen



Mother's Day Services

SEEDS OF A MOTHER'S LOVE

At the May 14th service, your mothers will be included in the Mass intention and General Intercessions. Collection envelopes will be displayed near the altar. Also, our bulletin will feature 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.



SUNDAY

30

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
9AM – Mass at Saints Simon & Jude

11AM – †Marie Hopper
R/B Rosanne Venditto

MONDAY

01

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER
8AM – †Members of the OLHC Memorial Fund

TUESDAY

02

8AM – Mass at Saints Simon & Jude

WEDNESDAY

03

SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES
8AM – †Anthony & Rose Venditto
R/B Rosanne Venditto

THURSDAY

04

8AM – Mass at Saints Simon & Jude

FRIDAY

05

NO 8AM Mass at Saints Simon & Jude

SATURDAY

06

NO 8AM – Mass at Saints Simon & Jude
5PM – Mass at Saints Simon & Jude

SUNDAY

07

10:40 –
Come
pray the
rosary!

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

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

†Harley Stewart
R/B Rudy & Esther Györy

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Vincent and Blanca
Montani, married by Father Brensinger 5/1/21 at Our Lady
Help of Christians Church. We pray that your marriage will
continue to be showered with all God's richest blessings!



The Good Shepherd

Treasures & Treats

Sts. Simon and Jude
730 W. Broad St. Bethlehem
Sunday, May 21 / 9 am to 2 pm
Breakfast, Picnic Lunch,
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Holy Family Players present Suessical Jr!

May 5 ~ 7 PM, May 6 ~ 3 PM & 7 PM, May 7 ~ 3PM.

\$12 General Admission - Handicap Accessible. Performance at the Holy Family Gymnasium located at 512 W. Center Street, Nazareth.

Local area seniors from elderly and assisted living facilities will be invited to attend Saturday's matinee. We welcome your generous donation to help us sponsor and provide this community outreach! For information email: hfdcvicerepresident@gmail.com or to purchase tickets go to: https://buy.ticketstothecity.com/venue.php?org_id=715

In the Diocese of Allentown, Pennsylvania, Celeste Behe, who home-schooled her nine grown children, created the diocesan St. Monica Ministry, which began in January of this year. The St. Monica Ministry offers prayerful support to families and friends of loved ones who have fallen away. It is open to both men and women and not only parents of prodigal children. There is a support-group aspect through fellowship after Holy Hours and monthly prayer meetings. When Behe's son broke away, she and her husband did not know any other parents of prodigals.

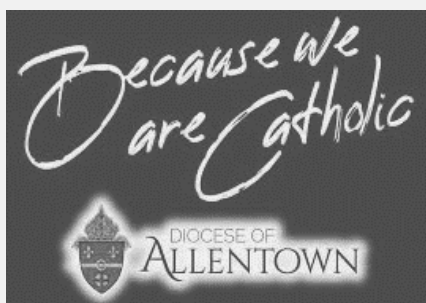
The St. Monica Ministry came about when Bishop Alfred Schlert of the Allentown Diocese asked her to facilitate an event for families in the diocese that were praying for fallen-away loved ones. Every month on the second Wednesday evening is a Holy Hour with a priest, during which all are invited to place lighted candles of petition before the Blessed Sacrament. There is fellowship afterward. The ministry also holds two monthly meetings, where they share resources, recite the Rosary and talk about their struggles and their hope. There is also a book discussion, which currently is about Brandon Vogt's *Return*.

For more information, visit the website at AllentownDiocese.org/stmonicaministry or sign up for the newsletter by emailing StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com. You can also contact Behe at that same email address to request her as a speaker on this topic.

*A Good Shepherd
lays down
his life for
the sheep.*

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), Anna Marie Casciano ('23)
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 Buchanan ('09), Helen Yohe ('23)
4/8 – Mary Micklos ('99), Geza 'Reds' Borath ('08)	4/22 – Marie Occhetto ('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 Drybala ('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)

2022 BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC APPEAL



BWAC Progress Report for
Monsignor Bayer
Report Date: April 19, 2023

Our Lady Help of Christians, Allentown

Parish Goal:	\$12,319.00
Total Committed:	\$3,284.00
Total Collected:	\$2,784.00
Number of Donors:	30
Average Gift:	\$109.47
# of Registered Families:	203

BWAC Appeal: Diocesan Overview

Total Diocesan Goal:	\$3,800,000.00
Total Committed	\$1,669,542.06
Total Collected	\$1,284,134.06
Number of Donors	5,580
Average Gift	\$295.74
# of Registered Families	93,140

You Are Invited: BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC DAILY MASS

Celebrated by Bishop Schlert

Monday, May 8 – Sacred Heart, Bath – 8 a.m.

Tuesday, May 9 – St. Columbkil, Boyertown – 7 p.m.

Monday, May 22 – Immaculate Conception, Jim Thorpe – 8 a.m.

Thursday, September 14 – St. Clare of Assisi, St. Clair – 9 a.m.

Tuesday, September 19 – Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown – 8 a.m.

Please RSVP to stewardship@allentowndiocese.org

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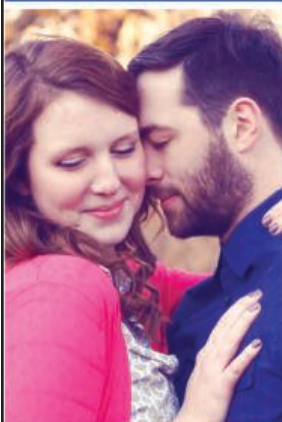
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