

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

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September 5, 2021

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish office is CLOSED on Wednesdays



***Our Lady Help of Christians,
pray for us.***

PASTORAL TEAM

PASTOR

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PARISH COUNCIL

Meets every first Monday
of the month at 7:00 p.m.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Vigil):

4:00 p.m. - Church

Sunday:

7:00 a.m. - Chapel

9:00 a.m. - Church

11:00 a.m. - Church

12:30 p.m. - Chapel (Tridentine Mass)

**THE CHAPEL OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS IS OPEN
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 8 A.M.—2 P.M.
FOR PRIVATE ADORATION**

CALL PARISH OFFICE REGARDING THE FOLLOWING:

BAPTISMS: Please contact the Parish Office and request the Holy Baptism.

RECONCILIATION: Confessions are available 20 minutes before every daily and weekend Masses.

WEDDINGS: Couples must make an appointment with the parish office at least six months before the wedding date.

CARE/ANOINTING OF THE SICK: During this time of COVID, Father will only go to those who are near death. Please call the parish office to request a home/hospital visit or email Father Dudzik at ksdudzik@gmail.com. In case of emergency, contact Father's cell phone at (716) 579-1745.

PRIESTHOOD/RELIGIOUS LIFE: If you hear Gods calling to serve the Church as a Priest, Deacon, or Religious woman or man, please contact the Vocation Office of the Diocese of Buffalo at 716-847-5335.

PARISH REGISTRATION: New members are always welcome. Registration is arranged by a personal visit to the parish office or by telephoning the parish office. PLEASE NOTE: If you are moving out of the parish, please notify the parish office.

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, September 4 Vigil of The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. +Leo Stachura—req. by Stachura Family

SUNDAY, September 5 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. For the Parishioners—req. by Fr. Jozef

9:00 a.m. +Wayne Brooker—req. by Donna & Michael Pacholski

11:00 a.m. +Raymond Mizerkiewicz—req. by Wife & Children

12:30 p.m. +Ana Forsberg—req. by Fr. Jozef & OLHC

MONDAY, September 610:00 a.m. +Living & Deceased Members of the Hanley Family—
req. by Hanley Family—**Grotto**9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.—**Chapel open for private prayer****TUESDAY, September 7**8:30 a.m. +Deceased Members of the Hymers Family—req. by
Children**WEDNESDAY, September 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**8:30 a.m. +Deceased Members of the Torregrossa Family—req. by
Judy Chartrand**THURSDAY, September 9 Saint Peter Claver, Priest**

8:30 a.m. +Jerry & Mary Anstett—req. by Tom & Joan Lillis

FRIDAY, September 10

8:30 a.m. +George & Sally Taylor—req. by Dennis & Sharon Taylor

SATURDAY, September 11 Vigil of The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Norm & Pat Kubiak Anniversary—req. by Family

SUNDAY, September 12 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. +Rita Briechele—req. by Family

9:00 a.m. +Arthur Kosnik—req. by Family

11:00 a.m. +Donald F. Bauman—req. by Dan & Florence Sullivan

12:30 p.m. +NYS Trooper Joseph Gallagher—req. by Family

PARISH EVENTS AND NEWS

SGTV Edelweiss—Wednesday, September 8th at 7:00 pm - Upper
Parish Hall

Chapel Seniors—Thursday, September 9th at 1:00 pm—Parish Hall

All are welcome!

SPIRITUAL LIFE IN OUR SHRINE

- ◇ Daily Eucharist, 8:30 a.m.
- ◇ Sacrament of Confession—20 minutes before every Mass.
- ◇ Rosary—After daily Mass and 20 minutes before weekend Masses.
- ◇ Chaplet to the Devine Mercy—Every Friday 10 minutes before Mass.
- ◇ First Fridays—Eucharist about the Sacred Heart of Jesus followed by First Friday devotion at 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel.
- ◇ First Saturdays—Eucharist about the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin followed by First Saturday devotion at 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel
- ◇ Eucharistic Adoration—Every Monday from 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. in the Chapel.
- ◇ Blessing of Sacramentals (rosary's, crosses, and other holy items) - Every First Saturday of the month after 8:30 am Mass in the Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration Volunteers**Every Monday 9:00 am—6 pm
in the Chapel****9-10 am**—Rosary Group and Sandy Smith**10-11 am**—Marion Dascomb, Carl Parisi and Susan
& Timothy Cummings**11-12 pm**—Connie DiPasquale and
MaryAnn Blachowiak**12-1 pm**—Jan Thomsen & Geraldine Christel**1-2 pm**—Patricia & Robert Kurdziel**2-3 pm**—Walter & Joanne Wieand**3-4 pm**—Mary Gorski & Mark Seifert**4-5 pm**—Michele Reger and Penny Moore**5-6 pm**—Elizabeth Gazy, Pauline Kinecki,
and Michele Reger**New volunteers are welcome for every hour.**

If you are unable to attend and cannot find a replacement, please contact the Parish Office. Otherwise, please come and pray anytime between 9 am and 6 pm.

On **Monday, September 6th** in observance of Labor Day, the Parish Office will be closed.

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Adoration is canceled however, the Chapel will be open until 6 pm for private adoration.



UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

New Parish Website and Facebook Page

Our new website and Facebook page are now available for our Parish with daily and weekly updates. Thank you to parishioner Lori Makowski for getting this up and running!

Children/Youth Mass

On **Sunday, September 12th** will begin our new year of Faith Formation for our children. Faith Formation classes will start with the holy Mass at **9:00 am**. This Mass will be a youth and children Mass. Father Jozef will teach the children and youth with a special catechetical sermon. All the children and youth and their families are invited to participate.

Labor Day Mass

On **Monday, September 6th**, Mass will be celebrated at **10:00 am in the Grotto**. You are invited to bring your own chairs. The collection will be for the cemetery upkeep. Adoration is canceled however the Chapel will be open for private prayer until 6 pm.

St. Francis Day - Blessing of the Animals

On **October 4th at 6:00 pm**, Father Jozef invites all people who want to come and have their pets blessed. This will be held in the parking lot in front of the Grotto.

All Souls Remembrance

On **November 1st at the 7:00 pm** Mass in our Church, we will celebrate a special Eucharist for All Souls by reading the names of all who died and were buried in our cemetery this past year from 11/1/20 – 10/31/21. We will send a letter to every family who has had a funeral in our parish or burial and invite them to bring a picture of their loved ones that will be placed in front of the altar. All parishioners who have lost loved ones are also invited to Mass and can bring picture even if funeral was not celebrated in our church. We will pray for all their souls.

Veterans Mass and Appreciation Lunch

All Veterans are invited to the **11:00 am Mass on November 14th**. We will honor and pray for all who have defended our freedom. After Mass, we invite all Veterans into our School Hall for lunch and refreshments. Please call our Parish office if you are a Veteran and would like to participate in the lunch. The Veteran may bring **1 guest** to this celebration.

Walking the Road to Renewal

When did the idea of “renewal” begin?

When he served as temporary administrator, Bishop Edward Scharfenberger formed the Diocesan Renewal Task Force (DRTF) as a collaboration of clergy and laity to study, gather input and formulate recommendations for the Diocese of Buffalo to renew and reinvigorate its ability to serve the mission of the Catholic Church in our region.

Initially, the Parish Model Task Force, assisted by consultants from the Leadership Roundtable, researched how other dioceses throughout the world have walked the same journey and recommended that renewal could be facilitated by bringing parishes together into closer collaboration for the larger good under a model known as “Families of Parishes”. This model is forming the foundation for similar journeys across the nation, and in particular the Diocese of London, Ontario and Detroit, Michigan were examined in depth to more fully understand the Model and its implementation.

The Bishop supported the recommendation of the Families of Parishes model which is consistent with the Congregation for the Clergy instruction dated July 20, 2020: **“The Pastoral Conversion of the Parish Community in the Service of the Evangelizing Mission of the Church.”** This formed the basis of the “Road to Renewal” program.



COME JOIN US: OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS ROSARY APOSTOLATE
 OPEN HOUSE: OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH HALL
 4125 UNION ROAD, CHEEKTOWAGA, NY 14225
 DATE: OCTOBER 3, 2021
 TIME: 1:00 PM
 PURPOSE: WE ARE LOOKING TO INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP AND MEET AND GREET.
 TRAINING: WE PROVIDE ALL THE TRAINING AND SUPPLIES NEEDED TO TEACH YOU THE ART OF MAKING ROSARIES.
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The Anointing of the Sick

Every 1st Sunday of the month after the 11 am Mass, Father will celebrate The Sacrament of the Healing for people who are sick with serious illnesses or conditions, those who will have surgeries and prepare for other serious medical procedures, those who have depression or other mental or psychological health conditions. The Anointing of the Sick cannot be given to children, youth or younger people who don't have any serious medical problem. This sacrament forgives sins and heals the soul, also strengthens the human body and mind in hope of Christ Resurrection. People are encouraged to receive Confession before the Sacrament of Anointing. Please stay in church after the Mass, move to the front of the church and receive every month the Healing that comes from Gods Mercy through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT
WEEK END OF August 21/22 2021

Sunday Collection—\$5,544.00 Utilities—\$62.00
Donius Donations—\$335.00 Candles—\$207.00
Other—\$857.00 Total—\$7,005.00

Chapel Preservation—\$1,104.00

Online Donations—\$230.00 St. Vincent DePaul—\$188.00
Parish Outstanding Debt (as of August 2021) - \$60,420.24

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED &
GENEROUS FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

CEMETERY NEWS

Our beautiful cemetery at Our Lady Help of Christians has graves available in the cemetery and also niches available in the 3 newly built Columbarium's.

If you would like to discuss purchasing a grave or columbarium, please call Joanna at the Parish Office 716-276-9288.

Latin Mass Parishioners

- ◇ **Today is the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost.**
- ◇ We are in need of altar servers. Any teen-age boy, or man is welcome. You will be trained to serve the Latin Mass.
- ◇ Father will be hearing confessions 20 minutes before Mass unless he has a baptism or previous engagement.
- ◇ The Rosary will be prayed together before Mass.
- ◇ If you wish to request a Mass intention to be said at the Latin Mass, please call or visit the rectory during office hours. Also, do so if you are planning a Baptism, wedding or have other needs.
- ◇ Please register your children in our Faith Formation Program.
- ◇ Thank you for your financial support. If you need envelopes, please call the office to register with our parish.
- ◇ Father Dudzik invites you from time to time, to participate in the Masses in the main church, and to pray with him, and listen to his preaching.

\$\$\$ WINFALL XXXVI IS HERE \$\$\$

You should have or will soon receive a letter from the Finance Committee regarding our annual Winfall Event. Tickets will be available beginning August 1, 2021 from the rectory, your usual seller or reach out to one of our Ushers who may have tickets for the Winfall Raffle as well as our 50/50 Raffle. You may also return your payment and ticket request in one of our weekly collection baskets, which will be routed to the proper individuals for processing.

As shown on our ticket, each chance for the Winfall Raffle is \$35 and our prize listing is shown below. If you would also like to join in our Split Club Raffle, those tickets are \$5.00 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20.00.



Grand Prize \$7,500	
1 st Prize.....\$2,000	2 nd Prize.....\$1,000
2 prizes at \$500	5 prizes at \$200
10 prizes at \$100	20 prizes at \$50

An early bird drawing will be held on September 19th: 2 \$50.00 winners will be chosen

Thank you for your continued support of this and other events that help support the vitality of Our Lady Help of Christians.

Save the Date: Anniversary Mass

The Diocese of Buffalo and the Office of Pastoral Ministries wishes to honor couples who will observe their **50th , 60th and 70th wedding anniversaries** and recognize the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice, challenges and comforts in daily married life. This will be held at St. Joseph Cathedral on **Sunday, October 24**. **Please contact the Parish Office before Friday, October 1st** to sign up for this celebration.

Annual Holy Name Society Luncheon

The Holy Name Society will be sponsoring its Annual Luncheon for all members of our parish on Sunday October 10, 2021 from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm at Salvatore's Italian Garden located at 6461 Transit Rd., Depew, NY. The cost per person will be \$15.00 for parishioners and \$25.00 for non-parishioners. There will be a cash bar available. If you plan on attending this luncheon, please fill out this slip and enclose it in an envelope marked Holy Name Luncheon along with your total payment. Reservations and payments can be placed in the basket during the weekly collection, mailed, or dropped off to the Parish Office. Reservations must be made no later than October 1st. If you have any questions, please call Geri Simoneit at (716) 348-7480.

Name of Parishioners: _____ # attending x \$15.00 = \$ _____

Name of Non-Parishioners: _____ # attending x \$25.00 = \$ _____

Phone Number: _____

FAITH FORMATION

The Faith Formation Office will be open beginning Monday, September 13th in the evening from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. If you need to contact us before then, please call or email the office or speak with Fr. Jozef. Our office phone number is **716-458-3130** or email at olhc.faithformation@gmail.com



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

ATTENTION PARENTS OF FIRST GRADE STUDENTS

Registration materials are now available for the 2021-2022 Faith Formation school year. Students should attend first grade classes to be eligible to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the second grade. Please call the Faith Formation Office (458-3130) for registration information.

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

September 19th—9:00 am Mass - Class begins at 10:00 am -10:45 am
September 26th—9:00 Mass—Class begins at 10:00 am - 10:45 am

Building and Grounds Update

I would like to share with you our plans and needs for our parish buildings and Cemetery.

Chapel - There was a leak at the entrance to the Chapel that was partially fixed. The front window of the Chapel has been repaired. The mortar on the front wall of the Chapel will be repaired soon.

The air conditioning system was fixed and has been serving us very well during summer season.

The green area in the front of the chapel was restored.

All parking lots will be repainted so that our parking spaces will be well visible.

Church - The damage on the roof of our church from improper drainage has been fixed.

In September, we started a project on the exterior walls and foundation of the Church. This project will cost \$106,000.

In October, we hope all interior damage on the walls of the Church will be repaired.

School - We are in the process of repairing the heating system. It is expected to be completed by the end of September.

We are waiting the decision of the Bishop to determine if renting the school is possible.

Two new metal doors will be installed in September at the side and front of the school. Two other metal doors are expected to be installed next Spring.

Cemetery - The newest area of the Cemetery was cleaned from soil and grass. New lines of foundations will be added for those who want to purchase graves.

We are in the process of trimming the green trees on the new sections of Cemetery. A few trees will be cut around the Church and Cemetery. A new sign for our Cemetery will be installed soon.

New garbage cans have been placed in our Cemetery. Please put all debris from your grave in it.

Our grotto stations of the cross and statues will be restored possibly during this summer.

Rectory/Parish Office - New intercom and camera have been installed to the door of the Parish Office.

The guest rooms in the Rectory have been remodeled. Two new air conditioning units have been installed.

Thank you to all of you for all your help gardening and cleaning in our churches and grounds. If you see any garbage brought to us by the wind or visitors, please clean it and place in our garbage cans.

We thank **Mike Hora and his team of workers** for their dedicated service in keeping our building and grounds beautiful.

We all enjoy our Shrine. This is our Holy Place and second Home. It belongs to God and is given to us as the Gate to Heaven. Thank you for donations, prayers, love and work. You have wonderful hearts and faith. God bless you.

Fr. Józef

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Linda Rebadow, Cheryl Rossi, John & Patti Coyle, Barbara Fox, Doug Fox, David & Marian Dascomb, Maureen Hoffman, Lori Reid, Lucas Michael Nowak, Mickey Pijanowski, Julie Korst, Grace Tomasello, Marie LaMonte, James Hardin, Joan Rindfuss, John Rupp, Dorothy Henry, Rose Marie Rogers, Rebecca Beres, Rose Andrews, Connie F. Valentine, Ben & Carol Collura, Geri Simoneit, Millie Kolis, Ann Kolis, Lucille May, Samantha A. Lunz and anyone else in need of healing.

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