

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

R.C. CHURCH & HISTORIC SHRINE OF MARIA HILF

September 19, 2021

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH/CEMETERY/FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

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Office Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Fri. 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. (Closed 12-12:30 for lunch)

Parish office is CLOSED on Wednesdays



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

PASTORAL TEAM

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Rev. Jozef Dudzik

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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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, September 18 Vigil of The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. +Nicholas & Paul Tomasello—req. by Wife & Mother

SUNDAY, September 19 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:00 a.m. +Alice Malinowski—req. by Paul Pirson

11:00 a.m. +Living & Deceased Members of Bishop McMahon Class of 1955

12:30 p.m. +Adele Assenza—req. by Paula Velarde

MONDAY, September 20 Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

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

9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.—Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, September 21 Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

8:30 a.m. +Paul & Rosemarie Seitz—req. by Family

WEDNESDAY, September 22

8:30 a.m. +Walter F. Gilbert—req. by Daughter

THURSDAY, September 23 Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:30 a.m. +Charles F. Smith—req. by Tom & Joan Lillis

FRIDAY, September 24

8:30 a.m. +Jack Mazurkiewicz—req. by Wife & Family

SATURDAY, September 25 Vigil of The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. +Donald F. Bauman—req. by Donnie & Cyndi Bauman

SUNDAY, September 26 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. +Sister Francis Joseph Piazza—req. by Maureen Roos

9:00 a.m. +Matthew Kochalski—req. by Family

11:00 a.m. +Ektimal Mahfoud—req. by Paul & Marie Chaiban

12:30 p.m. +Loretta Nawrocki—req. by Family

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.

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.

PARISH EVENTS AND NEWS

Prayer Shawl—Sunday, September 19th at 12:15 pm—Parish Hall

SGTV Edelweiss—Wednesday, September 22nd at 7:00 pm - Upper Parish Hall

Chapel Seniors—Thursday, September 23rd at 1:00 pm—Parish Hall

All are welcome!

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

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.

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.



Welcome to the Parish

Lory Petroski-Huntington

Walking the Road to Renewal

Why Do We Need Renewal NOW??

Renewal is necessary for the Diocese to regain focus on mission and overcome the negative trend of participation in sacraments, financial support and vocations. These trends are driven in part, by the shameful history of abuse and its cover-up, the on-going bankruptcy and the recent impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We need to reexamine the “big picture” of how the Diocese operates, given the following objective facts:

- **Over the past 8 years attendance at mass has dropped by 41%**
- **Baptisms and marriages have declined more than 30%**
- **Catholic School enrollment is down by 24% over the past decade**
- **Parish finances have remained mostly flat despite 19% inflation over the last ten years**
- **The number of ordained religious available to provide the required spiritual support is dwindling. The prediction is that by the year 2030, there will be fewer than 100 diocesan priests available to serve the present 161 parishes.**

Given this data, the diocese cannot continue to operate as it has in the past, and thus the renewal process is necessary now.



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.

MEETINGS: We meet the 1st Sunday of each month, which is not a necessity for anyone member.

REWARDS: Our finished rosaries are distributed to local parishes, surrounding groups, hospitals and areas all over the world.

REWARDS: We provide friendship and socialization

**TO ATTEND OR FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL:
bernard.sansone@gmail.com**

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT
WEEK END OF September 4/5 2021

Sunday Collection—\$6,920.10 Utilities—\$1,630.00
Candles—\$179.00 Other—\$3,121.67
Total—\$11,850.77

Online Donations—\$40.00
St. Vincent DePaul—\$200.00

Parish Outstanding Debt
(as of September 2021) - \$55,420.24

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED & GENEROUS FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

Weekly Donations....

In an effort to make it easier for the *volunteer counters*, please include your specified donation, either cash or check, in each individual envelope. If you are sending in multiple envelopes and **one check**, the entire check will be assigned to one envelope. Donations to St. Vincent DePaul should be made payable to "St. Vincent DePaul" and should not be added to your donation to the parish.

Thank you for your understanding and for your generosity each week.

God Bless,
 Fr. Jozef

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY POOR BOXES

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society thanks you for your generosity through your kind gifts to the Poor Box in the Chapel. As a parish ministry, your support helps the Saint Vincent de Paul Society to fulfill its mission in serving those in need.

May God Bless you always for your generosity.

Collection for Haiti

We will have a special collection for the immediate emergency needs for those impacted by the devastating earthquake in Haiti. There will be a basket at the back of the Church and Chapel the weekend of **September 25th and 26th**. Checks should be made payable to Our Lady Help of Christians with "Haiti" in the memo line.

We offer our prayers to families who have lost loved ones or are among those injured. As is often the case, the poor are the hardest hit by these conditions. We ask our community to be as generous as possible. Thank you.

\$\$\$ 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.

Virtual Win-Fall XXXVI
 Sponsored by
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\$14,500 in Prizes - \$7,500 Grand Prize

Drawing - Sunday, October 24th, 2021
 To Begin at 1:00pm Live Streamed on Facebook

Early Bird Drawing: Sept. 19th - 2 Winners @ \$50 each
 50/50 Also Available: 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20
 ** 3 Winners Drawn To Share The 50/50 Raffle **

Donation: \$35 - Winners Need not be Present
 Proceeds to Benefit Parish Building Expenses

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.

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, Arlene Walsler and anyone else in need of healing.

LET US PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
 Diane Griffin, Mary Smolarek, Sophia Castimore, Geary Robida, and Rev. Dennis W. Mende

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 team is excited and ready to begin classes! It's not too late to register your child for religious education for the **2021-2022** season. Forms are located in the back of the church, or you can call the faith formation office.

The Faith Formation Office is open 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. Józef. Our office phone number is **716-458-3130** or email at olhc.faithformation@gmail.com.

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

GOOD NEWS!: The first-ever Pro Life table at the Erie County Fair was a success. Hundreds of Rosaries, Miraculous Medals, and other items were given away over twelve days. Please pray for additional fruits, as those who took these items home grow closer to the Lord.

TAKE ACTION!: The 2022 federal budget proposal includes a battle over taxpayer funding of abortion. Please visit www.votervoicenet.org/USCCB/campaigns to voice your concerns to your representatives. You can sign other petitions regarding pro-life legislation at www.prolifealliance.com

ROSARIES FOR LIFE: Weekly Rosaries at Planned Parenthood continue every Wednesday (11:30AM), Friday (10:15AM), and Saturday (10:00AM). The address is Wimbledon Plaza 240 Center Road, West Seneca, NY 14224. Please spread the word.

CEMETERY NEWS

Help keep our Cemetery looking beautiful. **Please following the Cemetery Guidelines that detail what is allowed in our Cemetery. If you need a copy of the regulations, please stop by the Parish office.**

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Our beautiful cemetery at Our Lady Help of Christians has space available in Section G which is in the corner of the cemetery by Genesee and Smith Streets. There are also niches available in the 3 newly built Columbarium's.

Although it may be a tough discussion, having pre-made plans does provide ease to your loved ones. Prices are as follows:

CEMETERY PLOTS: (Section G)

Grave Site (\$1,100) + Foundation (\$400) \$1,500
(parishioner rate)

Grave Site (\$1,200) + Foundation (\$400) \$1,600
(non-parishioner rate)

COLUMBARIUM: (St. Francis, St. Joseph, St. Barbara)

Level A (top)..... \$1,975
Level B.....\$1,875
Level C.....\$1,775
Level D (bottom)..... \$1,675

Note: Price includes engraving with no additional opening/closing fees

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 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost.**
- ◇ **We are happily experiencing having many new people and families attending our Latin Mass. May God bless you for choosing to join us at the Maria Hilf Chapel. Please register with the parish by calling the office at 716-276-9288. The office hours are listed on the front page of the bulletin.**
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ 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 Parish Office 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.
- ◇ 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.

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