

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

R.C. CHURCH & HISTORIC SHRINE OF MARIA HILF

November 14, 2021

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish office is CLOSED on Wednesdays



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pray for us.*

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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 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, November 13 Vigil of The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

4:00 p.m. +Norman & Audrey Kubiak—req. by Family

SUNDAY, November 14 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. +Ray Korst—req. by Wife & Sons

9:00 a.m. +Bernice Hammer—req. by Donna & Michael Pacholski

11:00 a.m. +Edward Ziarnowski—req. by Family

12:30 p.m. +Rudolf Froehlich—req. by Wife Mary & Children

MONDAY, November 15 Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. +Angelina Pantera

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

TUESDAY, November 16 Saint Margaret of Scotland

8:30 a.m. +Patricia A. Fichtner—req. by Children

WEDNESDAY, November 17 Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

8:30 a.m. +Eunice Linsler—req. by Children

THURSDAY, November 18 The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

8:30 a.m. +For the Parishioners—req. by Fr. Jozef

FRIDAY, November 19

8:30 a.m. +Living & Deceased Members of the Hanley Family—req. by Hanley Family

SATURDAY, November 20 Vigil of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

4:00 p.m. +Edward Sell—req. by the Holy Name Society

SUNDAY, November 21 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

9:00 a.m. +Donald F. Bauman—req. by Joan Meyer

11:00 a.m. +Deceased Members of the Witul Family—req. by Ed Witul

12:30 p.m. +NYS Trooper Joseph Gallagher—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 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 and Maureen Roos

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.

Welcome Fr. Paul Nogaro! We thank him for celebrating our weekend and daily Masses while Fr. Jozef is visiting his family in Poland!

PARISH EVENTS AND NEWS

St. Vincent De Paul—Monday, November 15th at 3:00 pm—Upper Parish Hall

Finance Committee Meeting—Thursday, November 18th at 6:30 pm—Upper Parish Hall

Prayer Shawl Ministry—Sunday, November 21st at 12:15 pm— Upper Parish Hall

PURGATORY

Mere reason suggests there must be a Purgatory. So many people seem to be good, but not so greatly good that they should be fit for heaven at once. Again, not nearly all are so evil as to deserve hell. So there should be a means of purification and paying the debt of temporal punishment for those not fit for hell, nor for heaven at once. (Of course, Luther would say we can sin all we want and still go to heaven at once, if only we believe it is all covered by Christ's merits: Epistle 501 to Melanchthon).

There is not much in Scripture on Purgatory except that in Second Maccabees 12:45, Judas sends a collection to the Temple for those fallen in battle, found with amulets on, "that they might be freed from this sin." Luther saw so clearly that this referred to Purgatory--which he rejected--that he rejected this book too, declaring it not part of Scripture. Some have tried to see an implication of Purgatory in Matthew 12:32. There Jesus speaks of the sin against the Holy Spirit that will be forgiven "neither in this world nor in the next." But the expression quoted is known in Rabbinic literature, where it means merely "never." Still less could we deduce purgatory from First Corinthians 3:11-15. Paul means if the work of some Christian worker has been of such low quality that it burns down, he himself will be saved "as through fire." But the fire seems to mean the apocalyptic fire of the last day, not a fire of purgatory.

But our belief in Purgatory rests on the tradition and definitions of the Church, at the Councils of Lyons II, Florence, and Trent.

The essential, perhaps the only suffering of Purgatory is the loss of God--it is like what we described in speaking of hell, except that in Purgatory there is no despair, rather, great consolation from assurance of salvation. Is there also something like fire in Purgatory? A host of private apparitions say there is; the Church has never pronounced on it. In fact the Eastern part of the Catholic Church has no such tradition. Many theologians say the suffering is greater than anything on earth. Neither Scripture nor Tradition tells us if that be so.

We do know that the souls there cannot merit or help themselves in any way anymore, they can only suffer. We know we can by prayers and penances relieve them, and somehow, they are enabled to know it when we do that, and they pray for us. How long should we pray and sacrifice for a particular soul? We do not know. St. Augustine in his Confessions (9:13), written 10 to 15 years after the death of his mother, St. Monica, still asked for prayers for her. If we can believe the private apparitions, Purgatory may last the equivalent of many years (we speak thus, for there is no time in Purgatory). For certain, it is terribly wrong to virtually canonize a person at the funeral, as Protestants do under the influence of Luther's sad mistake. Sadly not a few Catholics are imitating them.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Thanksgiving Mass

All are invited to celebrate Mass on Thanksgiving Day, **November 25th** at 8:30 am in the church. The collection for Thanksgiving is our donation to St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Adopted Family Program - The Season of Giving- 2021

Again, this year, our parish has the opportunity to make Christmas a little merrier for several families in our community who are in need. The response to this annual drive has always been overwhelming and the families that are helped are deeply grateful. We are including "St. Luke's Mission of Mercy" and "St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center" to our drive this year. Both organizations are in dire need of assistance this time of year.

Cards with specific gift suggestions will be available beginning Saturday, November 20th. Each gift should be approximately \$15.00. There will also be a basket with cards for larger, more expensive items that are needed. The gifts may be wrapped (with the card attached to the outside) and brought to any of the masses or rectory **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 12th**. If you choose to purchase a toy, Gift Card or other gift of your choice without taking a card, you are more than welcome to do so. Please attach a piece of paper to the outside of the gift stating what it is so we may distribute it accordingly. Please keep in mind that most cards have an item intended for a specific person. If you are unable to purchase the item, please return the card so someone else may purchase it for the family or organization.

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity!

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT
WEEK END OF October 30/31 2021

Sunday Collection—\$5,374.10 Utilities—\$173.00
Hurricane Ida—\$269.00 All Saints—\$293.00
Candles—\$231.80 Other—\$113.00
Total—\$6,453.90

Online Donations—\$235.00 St. Vincent DePaul—\$177.25
Parish Outstanding Debt (as of November 2021) - \$45,420.24

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED &
GENEROUS FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

All Souls Donations

Thank you for your All Souls Day donations. We will celebrate Masses throughout the year for the souls of our deceased loved ones.

2022 Mystery Calendars

Our Holy Name Society is selling 2022 Mystery Calendars from **November 1, 2021 until December 31, 2021** or sold out. Mystery Calendars are calendars whose number you will not know until you open the envelope. 1,000, numbered 000-999, are sold inside sealed envelopes in which the number on the outside may or may not match the number on the inside. For just \$20, you have a chance to win every day. Each date indicates the amount that day's winner will win, from \$20 to \$100. Donate today! And they make great Christmas gifts! Calendars are available after weekend Masses, from your favorite seller and at the Parish Office during normal hours. Once opened, calendars cannot be returned nor refunded. Unsold calendars become the property of the Holy Name Society. Thank you for supporting Our Lady Help of Christians!

Hearts and Hands Faith in Action has been serving older adults and adults with physical challenges since 2003. Volunteers provide free transportation for medical appointments, grocery shopping, and necessary errands. Also offered, free grocery shopping and non-contact delivery, friendly phone pals and yard work. Volunteer for requests which fit your schedule and interests. Help a senior in need remain independent and safe. We offer 1 hour zoom, phone and in person trainings. Mileage reimbursement and supplemental insurance provided. Live out the spirit of giving by sharing your time and talents with your neighbors in need! Call (716) 406-8311 or visit www.volunteerhnh.org to get started.

PRO LIFE

PRAYER & FASTING FOR THE DOBBS SUPREME

COURT CASE: Dobbs v Jackson is a landmark case that could potentially overturn the decision of Roe v Wade. The possibility for future laws protecting the unborn hangs in the balance. December 1, 2021 oral arguments for the case will be heard. A decision is expected in June 2022. In these next crucial 8 months, from November until June, let us have a united effort to pray and fast for this intention. Let us make the 22nd of each month a special day of prayer and fasting for the Dobbs case, in the hopes that on its 50th anniversary (Jan 22, 2023) Roe v Wade will have been finally overturned.



NATIONAL PRAYER EVENT: Nov 18, 8:00 PM - Join Catholics and Protestants across the country coming together online to pray for the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization case. This historic online gathering will bring together Christians across denominations. Together, we will pray for a just outcome that protects millions of preborn babies and their mothers. **For more info and to register for the event, visit: www.prayfordobbs.com**

MARCH FOR LIFE: Our Church will be organizing and inviting many churches to go with us for the March for Life in Washington DC on **January 20th and 21st**. The bus will leave at 4:30 am on January 20th from the OLHC parking lot. We will return January 21st after midnight. The events will include Vigil Mass in the National Cathedral in Washington, overnight in a hotel with breakfast and the March at the National Mall continuing to the Supreme Court. There is an optional Youth Rally Mass in the morning at the Capitol One Arena. The deadline to register is December 10th. Please register as soon as possible. The cost for the bus and hotel with breakfast is \$360.00 /single room and \$260.00/ double room. You may sponsor someone else to make the trip if you cannot attend. If you are interest in registering or sponsoring, please email Fr. Jozef at ksdudzik@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office.

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, 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, Patricia Urbanczyk, Emily Mizerkiewicz, Tom & Marcy Mateczun and anyone else in need of healing.

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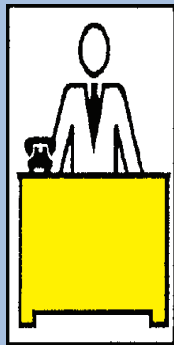
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