

# OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

## R.C. CHURCH & HISTORIC SHRINE OF MARIA HILF

*November 28, 2021*

*First Sunday of Advent*

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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.*

### 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**

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



First Sunday of Advent

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, November 27 Vigil of the First Sunday of Advent**

4:00 p.m. +Donald F. Bauman—req. by Karen Paradowski

**SUNDAY, November 28 First Sunday of Advent**

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

9:00 a.m. +Anna & Claude Held—req. by Family

11:00 a.m. +Emelie & Isaac Lunger—req. by Family

12:30 p.m. +Stephani Pallaci—req. by Jill & Greg Gaglione

**MONDAY, November 29**

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

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

**TUESDAY, November 30 Saint Andrew, Apostle**

8:30 a.m. +Stanley Podkladek—req. by Podkladek Family

**WEDNESDAY, December 1**

8:30 a.m. +Helen & Walter Kozak—req. by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kurdziel

**THURSDAY, December 2**

8:30 a.m. +Charles Oliver—req. by Family

**FRIDAY, December 3 Saint Francis Xavier, Priest**

8:30 a.m. Family Healing—req. by Elizabeth

(First Friday Adoration with Prayers to Sacred Heart and Devine Mercy following Mass)

**SATURDAY, December 4 Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent;**

**Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

8:30 a.m. +Deceased Members of the Albrecht & Rowan Families—req. by Family

(First Saturday Fatima Devotions following Mass. For Those who Blaspheme Against Mary’s Perpetual Virginity)

4:00 p.m. +Donald F. Bauman—req. by Dan & Florence Sullivan

**SUNDAY, December 5 Second Sunday of Advent**

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

9:00 a.m. +Paul Chaiban—req. by Fr. Jozef

11:00 a.m. +Alfreda & Theodore Kwarcianiak—req. by Karen Noworyta

12:30 p.m. +Richard Lata, Jr.—req. by Jill & Greg Gaglione

**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.

**PARISH EVENTS AND NEWS**

**Rosary Apostolate**—Sunday, December 5th at 1:00 pm—Parish Hall



**Welcome to the Parish**

Daniel Vulaj

Katherine Franklin

**The Anointing of the Sick**

**Every 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**How to prepare for Christmas?** 10 holy deeds we can perform in Advent time that will help us to better prepare for Lord's Nativity as Catholics.

Please choose at least two and try to perform it during Advent and Christmas seasons.

1. Participate in daily Mass throughout Advent at 8.30
2. One hour of the Blessed Sacrament Adoration on Mondays between 9 am to 6 pm In our chapel.
3. Come to Confession before Christmas (necessary to everyone).
4. Create your Family Advent wreath at home. Say prayer with Family members before dinner every night.
5. Request Holy Mass intention for a family member who has passed away or is sick.
6. Every Friday of Advent practice fast from meat, less use of the internet or tv, more reading of Bible.
7. Ask Father if he needs you to volunteer in our parish for one hour a week.
8. Help your lonely or older neighbors with shopping or house cleaning, invite somebody who is alone for Christmas dinner to your home.
9. Decide to attend every Sunday the Holy Mass in our church. Start going to Church regularly.
10. If you are married decide with your spouse to not argue anymore, to not use bad language, to work on your marriage vocation.

Brothers and Sisters. These 10 may teach us true Christian life and engaging into prayer and faith. All of them are going to improve our faith, our spirit and joy for life.

~God Bless you. Fr . Jozef

## ADVENT WREATH

The lights of the candles on the Advent Wreath break through the darkness, reminding us of the Light of Christ that we anticipate during this holy season.

In the middle ages, the Germanic peoples began incorporating a lighted wreath into the Christian season of Advent. It didn't gain widespread popularity until the 1800s and it wasn't until the 1900s that German immigrants brought the tradition to America.

The Advent Wreath is very symbolic. The evergreens used for the wreath itself are a reminder of continuous life. The shaping of them into a circle reinforces that meaning. The circle is also a sign of everlasting life as well as the eternity of God.

The four candles used, three purple and one pink, mark the Sundays of Advent before Christmas. The purple candles are reminders that this should be a time of prayer and sacrifice to prepare us for the second coming of Christ. On the third Sunday, the pink candle is lit to announce Gaudete Sunday, a Sunday of rejoicing for Christ is coming near. With the lighting of that candle, the light has won out over the darkness.

The Advent Wreath serves as a powerful visual reminder of the holiness of the season. The light of the candles invite us to quiet ourselves during this busy time and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Whether at home or at Church, it provides an invitation to wait and pray in hopeful anticipation for the coming of Christ. We are called to welcome the light of Christ into our lives.

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**Advent Confessions**—The new Liturgical year will start November 28th and is called the Season of Advent. Advent will last 4 weeks and is the time of preparation for Christmas Solemnity. Please have a plan to pray more during the Advent Season by participation in daily and Sunday Eucharist, reading the Bible at home, and other Christian books. A special moment will be the **Advent Confession**. Everyone should receive Confession before Christmas. We will have a few additional Priests for the Sacrament of Penance in our Church on **December 16th from 6:30-7:30 pm**. All are invited.

**Baby Jesus Statue Blessing** - On the **3rd Sunday of Advent**, Gaudete Sunday, all families, especially children, bring the Baby Jesus statue from your home Nativity Set for a special blessing at Church. Father will walk throughout our church at the beginning of each Mass and Bless them with Holy water. May our homes become the little churches where Catholic families invite Jesus to live every day with them and enrich their love, faith and hope.

### **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. 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 during the Holiday season.

We are providing cards with specific gift suggestions and are available today near the front of the Chapel or in the rear or East entrance of the Church. Each gift should be approximately \$15.00, unless chosen from the "Larger Items" basket. The gifts may be wrapped with the card attached to the outside and brought to any of the Masses or Parish Office **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 12th**. If you choose to purchase a toy, Gift Card or other gift of your choice, you are more than welcome to do so. Please attach a piece of paper to the outside of the gift 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. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity!

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT  
WEEK END OF November 13/14 2021

Sunday Collection—\$5,818.00      Utilities—\$360.00  
Candles—\$192.00      Other—\$82.00  
Total—\$6,452.00

eGiving Donations—\$50.00  
St. Vincent DePaul—\$160.00

Parish Outstanding Debt  
(as of November 2021) - \$45,420.24

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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

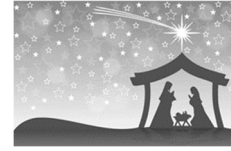
Friday, December 24 Christmas Eve

3:00 p.m. (Church)

5:00 p.m. (Chapel)

10:00 p.m. (Church)

There is no 8:30 daily Mass on Christmas Eve.



Saturday, December 25 Christmas

10:00 a.m. (Church)

12:30 p.m. (Chapel)

PRO LIFE

**NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Dec. 8th at 9:00pm until Dec. 9, 2021 at 1:00am - Feast of the Immaculate Conception and apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego - During this span of time, we ask for 20 decades of the Rosary & other prayers of your choice. Let us bow down in UNISON across the nation and pray in reparation for the sins against the lives of our innocent unborn. Let us pray to Mary, the Mother of God under her title Our Lady of Guadalupe to intercede for us through her divine son for a return to respect for all life in our country.

**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 months, let us have a united effort to pray and fast. 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.

**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 interested in registering or sponsoring, please email Fr. Jozef at [ksdudzik@gmail.com](mailto:ksdudzik@gmail.com) or contact the Parish Office.



**Oplatek or Christmas Wafers**, a Christmas Polish Tradition will be available in the Parish Office or in Church the Altar on the **3rd Sunday of Advent**.

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!

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, Connie F. Valentine, Ben & Carol Collura, Geri Simoneit, Millie Kolis, Ann Kolis, Lucille May, Samantha A. Lunz, Patricia Urbanczyk, Emily Mizerkiewicz, Tom & Marcy Mateczun, Michael Ziolkowski and anyone else in need of healing.

LET US PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED  
Ann Kolis and Marguerite Mohr

**Faith Formation † (716) 458-3130 † olhc.faithformation@gmail.com**

The Faith Formation team is excited to begin this year welcoming students and asking them to bring their curiosity and questions.

This year the program begins with the 9 am Youth Mass followed by class from 10:00-10:45 am in the Faith Formation school building.

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The Religious Education Resource Center is open to all our families at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish.

Materials like workbooks, Bibles, school supplies, list of prayers and more, are available for you to take to support the learning process at home.

**The center is open on Monday evenings from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

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**MONTHLY SCHEDULE † Youth Mass at 9 am**

<b>11/28/2021</b>	<b>NO CLASS 1st Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>11/29/2021</b>	Religious Education Resource Center OPEN 4-7 pm
<b>12/05/2021</b>	10:00-10:45 am <b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b>

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**How well do you know your Trivia?**

**Last week's Trivia Answer:** : From left to right: Mark (lion) Kingship of Christ, John (eagle) Divinity of Christ, Luke (ox) Priesthood—sacrificial aspect of Christ, Matthew (little man) Humanity of Christ.

**This week's Trivia question:** Who was the first King of Israel?

**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
	<b>(parishioner rate)</b>
Grave Site (\$1,200) + Foundation (\$400) .....	\$1,600
	<b>(non-parishioner rate)</b>

**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 First Sunday in Advent. The priest will be wearing purple vestments for the next four Sundays.
- ◊ 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.
- ◊ Fr. Young is doing server training every Tuesday and Thursday at 4:30 PM, at St. Anthony's, for anyone interested in learning to serve the Latin Mass.
- ◊ Fr. 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 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.
- ◊ 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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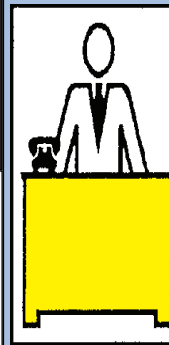
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