

# OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

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

December 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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**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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Rev. Jozef Dudzik

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#### PARISH COUNCIL

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



## Fourth Sunday of Advent

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, December 18 Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Advent**

4:00 p.m. +Charles Oliver—req. by Family

**SUNDAY, December 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent**

7:00 a.m. +Joseph Anthony Schmelzer—req. by Parents

9:00 a.m. +Arlene Schwarzkopf—req. by Patti Schwarzkopf

11:00 a.m. +Virginia Korff &amp; Conrad Scheuerle—req. by Family

12:30 p.m. +All Souls

**MONDAY, December 20**

8:30 a.m. +Richard Wujek—req. by Wife &amp; Family

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

**TUESDAY, December 21 Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

8:30 a.m. +Elizabeth Binner—req. by Richard Binner &amp; Family

**WEDNESDAY, December 22**

8:30 a.m. +Robert Strzalkowski—req. by Wife, Anita

**THURSDAY, December 23, Saint John of Kanty, Priest**

8:30 a.m. Eisenhardt Boys—req. by Marcia

**FRIDAY, December 24**3:00 p.m. +Donald F. Bauman—req. by Wife, Lisieux  
(Church)5:00 p.m. +Adele Podkladek—req. by Podkladek Family  
(Chapel)

10:00 p.m. +Adam, Brendon, and Tadeusz (Church)

**SATURDAY, December 25 The Nativity of the Lord**10:00 a.m. +Stella & Lewis Kolis—req. by Millie & Cecilia  
(Church)12:30 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Josaphat, Resurrection,  
and Our Lady Help of Christians—req. by Fr.  
Jozef (Latin—Chapel)**SUNDAY, December 26 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

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

9:00 a.m. +Emily Slowik—req. by Lucille Winiarz

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

12:30 p.m. Cara Clementi—req. by Rosemaria Recchia

**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 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.

## PARISH EVENTS AND NEWS

St. Vincent DePaul—Monday, December 20th at 3:00 pm—Upper Parish Hall

**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.

Please pick up a 2022 Calendar, an Advent blue book, and Oplatek (Christmas Wafers) from the Churches or Parish Office. Also, everyone who celebrates with us at our Christmas Masses will receive a special Christmas gift!

### Building and Ground Updates

Thank you so much to Mr. Mike Hora and his team who take care of our parish buildings and cemetery. Without his leadership we would never be in such good condition as we are now. We greatly appreciate your dedication and the help you provide every day Mr. Mike. Thank you!

#### In 2021 we have accomplished:

School building has been cleaned from all garbage and debris stored for many years. Every room, storage rooms, and cabinets were put in order including faith formation office and classrooms. New school building was brought to life again - all bathrooms and heat system fixed, and now we are renting it to the School of Two Hearts. 3 new outside metal doors have been installed, all building heat systems work properly, new upper hall was established for parish group meetings. Many electrical problems in the school have also been fixed.

- Chapel, our most precious Church Building has received new boiler, chapel basement was cleaned from many years of garbage and debris, air condition system was fixed and served properly all summer, outside stone renovated and fixed, as well as front wall stain glass window, and entrance room.

- New Church renovation project prepared and started outside, properly maintained roof and all drainage system, some trees have been removed to protect safety of Building, air conditioning system updated as well as heat system to work properly, carpet cleaned, landscaping work started and will be continued, to prevent water leaking into the building, renovation project of exterior and interior will be continued and finished in the spring.

- Rectory and office building received new boiler, two air condition units, guest rooms and bathrooms renovated.

- Cemetery area and all gardens around grotto were preserved beautifully. Cemetery landscaping corrected and improved, trees trimmed or removed, new garbage buckets installed, soon new cemetery signs will be installed.

#### Our plans for 2022

- Finish outside renovation project and renew landscaping around our Church, fix interior damage.

- Fix metal fence around cemetery, install new cross at the newest part of cemetery, prepare project of memorial garden and columbarium in honor of those who served our Country, prepare renovation project for our Mausoleum.

- Repair and repaint all our parking lots

- Renovation and maintenance of our grotto and outside altar.

- Install new and proper outside lighting system for our property and buildings.

- New railings for our Chapel entrance, prepare the project of Chapel bathroom renovation

Thank you to all who help and financially support our Parish and all building projects. ~Fr. Jozef

**CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR's MASS SCHEDULE**

**Friday, December 24 Christmas Eve**

3:00 p.m. (Church)  
 5:00 p.m. (Chapel)  
 10:00 p.m. (Church)

**Saturday, December 25 Christmas**

10:00 a.m. (Church)  
 12:30 p.m. Latin Mass (Chapel)

**Sunday, December 26 The Holy Family**

7:00 a.m. (Chapel)  
 9:00 a.m. (Church)  
 11:00 a.m. (Church)  
 12:30 p.m. Latin Mass (Chapel)



**Friday, December 31 New Year's Eve**

8:30 a.m. (Chapel)  
 4:00 p.m. (Church)

**Saturday, January 1 New Year's Day**

10:00 a.m. Chapel  
 12:00 p.m. Latin Mass (Chapel)  
 4:00 p.m. (Church)

**Sunday, January 2 Epiphany of the Lord**

7:00 a.m. (Chapel)  
 9:00 a.m. (Church)  
 11:00 a.m. (Church)  
 12:30 p.m. Latin Mass (Chapel)

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT**  
 WEEK END OF December 4/5 2021

**Sunday Collection—\$6,876.01    Utilities—\$1,363.00**  
**Candles—\$164.41    Building Renovations—\$1,200.00**  
**Other—\$4,010.67    Total—\$13,614.09**  
**eGiving Donations—\$270.00**  
**St. Vincent DePaul—\$230.00**  
**Parish Outstanding Debt**  
**(as of December 2021) - \$40,420.24**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED & GENEROUS FINANCIAL SUPPORT.**

**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 were 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.



**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!

**Fr. Jozef** has been assigned by our Bishop the additional responsibility of Administrator for Resurrection and St. Josaphat Parishes. On December 6<sup>th</sup>, we began working as one family. New Mass schedules for both weekend and daily Masses will begin with the New Year. We ask all parishioners for patience and understanding while Fr. Jozef adjusts to his new role over 3 Parishes!



**Welcome to the Parish**  
 Donald Kinecki

**Decorating for Christmas** - All are invited to help decorate the Church and Chapel for Christmas on Tuesday, December 21st at 6:30 pm.

**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, Lucille May, Samantha A. Lunn, Patricia Urbanczyk, Emily Mizerkiewicz, Tom & Marcy Mateczun, Michael Ziolkowski, Marge Vacanti and anyone else in need of healing.

**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**

12/19/2021	9:00 am Faith Formation Mass 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade
12/19/2021	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent 10:00-10:45 am Confession Grades 9-10
12/20/2021	Religious Education Resource Center OPEN 4-7 pm
12/26/2021	NO CLASS Christmas break
12/27/2021	Religious Education Resource Center CLOSED
1/2/2022	NO CLASS Christmas break
1/3/2022	Religious Education Resource Center CLOSED

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

**Last week's Trivia Answer:** : In Daniel 3:13-14, 21 Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refused to bow down to the 90 foot high and 9 feet wide gold statue King Nebuchadnezzar had made and placed in the province of Babylon.

**This week's Trivia question:** How long does the Christmas season last?

**RCIA Program**

The RCIA program is for those who want to belong or return to the Catholic Church. Please contact the Parish office if you want to receive the Sacraments. We will provide classes for this program after the Christmas season. The Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion will be celebrated at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 16th 2022. If you have not made your Confirmation, or left the Catholic Church for a long time, please come to our church for RCIA. If your marriage has not been Blessed sacramentally in the Catholic Church, please contact us to discuss your options and how to accomplish this. All candidates of RCIA are asked to attend Mass every Sunday and learn about faith. Please register for the program by calling the Parish office or email olhc.chapel@gmail.com or ksdudzik@gmail.com. We pray for all people who are led by the Holy Spirit to the deeper faith in the Church of Jesus Christ.



**Latin Mass Parishioners**

- ◇ Today is the Fourth Sunday in Advent.
- ◇ 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.

**CEMETERY NEWS**

Our beautiful cemetery at Our Lady Help of Christians has graves available in the cemetery and also niches available in the 3 Columbarium's. If you would like to discuss purchasing a grave or columbarium, please call Joanna at the Parish Office 716-276-9288.



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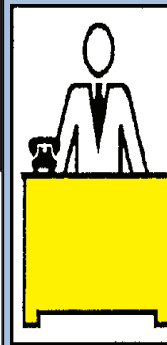
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