

March 28, 2021



**Our Lady Help of Christians Church
Lykens, PA**

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Sacred Heart of Jesus Church

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“We, the parish community of Our Lady Help of Christians and Sacred Heart of Jesus, are a welcoming Catholic community in the Diocese of Harrisburg. Being nourished and strengthened by the graces we receive in the Eucharist and the other Sacraments, we are committed to praying and working together as one. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive to live the Gospel of Jesus in our lives and to bring the truth of Christ’s salvation to the communities around us.”

Saturday Vigil Mass:

4:00pm Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Lykens.

Sunday Morning Mass:

8:00am Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Lykens.

Weekday Mass:

Mon. – Tues. & Fri. 8:30am Our Lady Help of Christians, Lykens

Holy Day Mass:

11am & 7pm Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Lykens

The Sacrament of Penance:

Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Lykens:

Saturdays from 3:00 – 3:45pm inside the back of the Religious Education building. If you would like to sit please bring a chair.

Registration- New parishioners are asked to stop by the parish office to fill out a parishioner registration form. Existing parishioners are asked to please notify the parish office if your address or phone number

The Sacrament of Baptism: 12:30pm: First & Third Sundays of the month in Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Lykens. Pre-baptismal instructions must be completed in order to have your child baptized. Call the parish office before planning your child’s baptism.

Matrimony: Couples contemplating marriage in the Diocese of Harrisburg are to approach a Priest at least nine to twelve months before the date on which they plan to marry. No date may be finalized until the priest establishes the couple’s freedom to marry and determine their readiness for marriage.

Visitation of the Sick: Please notify the rectory when a member of the parish is in the hospital or if someone is unable to attend Mass and wishes to receive Holy Communion. Anyone going into the hospital for surgery should contact the priest to receive the Anointing of the Sick before surgery

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Saturday, Mar.27 4:00 pm @ OL	In memory of Cheryl Messner by: Joe & Patti Welsh
Sunday, Mar. 28 8:00 am @ OL	Palm Sunday In memory of Floyd Shutt by: Pat, Nicole & Jarid Shutt
Monday Mar. 29 8:30 am @ OL	In memory of Mrs. Anna Hain by: Ron Hain & Sohl Family
Tuesday, Mar. 30 8.30am @ OL	Priest's, Deacon's, Sisters & All Others That Served Our Lady Help of Christians
Wednesday, Mar. 31	No Mass
Holy Thursday, April 01@ 7pm	In memory of Louise M Middaugh by: Barbara Davis
Good Friday, Apr.02 2:30 @ OL	Good Friday - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
Saturday, April 03 8:00pm @ OL	Easter Vigil In memory of Patricia Bartello by: Janet Bechtel
Sunday, April 04 8:00am @ OL	Easter Sunday For the Intentions of the Elderly, Sick, & Homebound of the Parish by: PCCW

Sanctuary Lamp burns: **For All Souls**

Ministers of the Liturgical Celebrations Schedule

<p><u>Holy Thursday</u> <u>April 01, 2021 @ 7pm</u> Lector-Anthony Matter</p> <p><u>Good Friday</u> <u>April 02, 2021 @ 2:30 pm</u> Lector-Sheila Sowers</p> <p><u>Easter Vigil</u> <u>April 03, 2021 @ 8pm</u> Lector-Carol Lark/James Bower</p> <p><u>Easter Day</u> <u>April 04, 2021 @ 8am</u> Lector-Joseph Kerwin</p>	<p><i>Palm Sunday</i> Surrender to God's will</p> <p>Procession Mark 11:1-10 (entry into Jerusalem) or John 12:12-16</p> <p>Reading I Isaiah 50:4-7 (salvation only through the Lord's servant)</p> <p>Reading II Philippians 2:6-11 (imitating Christ's humility)</p> <p>Gospel Mark 14:1-15:47 (the passion of Jesus)</p> <p>Key Passage Jesus said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." (Mark 14:36)</p> <p>Adult: When have you found it hardest to accept God's will? What enabled you to accept it?</p> <p>Child: When is it hardest for you to obey?</p>
<p><u>Offerings:</u> March 14, 2021 \$3,521.00 (combined) # of Returned Envelopes: 77 2020 Collections: \$5,576.00 (combined)</p> <p>Holy Week Collections: April 01-Holy Thursday, April 02-Good Friday April 04, Easter Offering</p> <p>Second Collection -April 11. 2021 Catholic Radio</p>	
<p><u>Religious Ed Program</u> We do have Religious Ed on Palm Sunday March 28, 2021. There will be no Religious Ed on Easter Sunday April 4th. We will resume our Program Sunday April 11th. Please note that the 5th & 8th grades will resume on the 11th with all other grades. Thank you. Jane Teter Religious Ed Coordinator</p>	

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Please remember those who have requested prayers:
Your prayer request is removed after 3 months unless we are notified.

 *Almonzo	*Laretta Doyle	*Donnie Laing	*Dorothy Snesavage
*Don Adams	*Justin Drahovsky	*Derek Larthey	*Penny Stine
*Andrea Bixler	*Brenda Garber	*Natalie McMaster	*Linda Stoudt
*Rita Bordner	*Deb Harman	*Ruth McNalis	*Jule Suchar
*Nancy Brennan	*Sharon Hodge	*Pat Miller	*Anna Trawitz
 Ellie Buffington	 *Axel Jones	*Megan Miller	*Peg Troutman
*Floss Collins	*Brett Kaden	*Jimmy Modrijan	*Mary Underkoffler
*Tom Cooper	*Vincent Kennedy	*Jeanette Matter	*Karen Waters
*Brent Daniels	*Shelly Klinger	*Joyce Moyer	*Carol Wegner
*Michael Daniel	*Tim Kloss	*Jeannie Nard	*Steve Welker
 *Nolan Deitrich	*Evelyn Koppenhaver	*Ken Rebuck	*Jim Willier
*Kathy Platzer Dougher	*Mary Jane Koppenhaver	*Hank Rudisill	*Priscilla Wrubel
*Joyce Dolan	*Peter Kowalchuk	*Margaret Shadle	*Alice Yuslum
	*John Kurtanick	*Pat Shutt	*Cindy Zarker
		*Eileen Sitlinger	 *Unborn Children

COVID safety guidelines to be observed for all parishioner's attending Mass, and all parish meetings, and social activities:

ENTRANCE- Side Entrance only

GLOVES –Do Not wear gloves during the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. **Do Not** wear Gloves during the distribution or reception of Holy Communion.

CONFESSIONS- Saturday: 3pm-3.45pm

Face to face only, **wearing a face mask during confession**; will now be heard immediately inside the back entrance of the Religious Education building.

MASSES - Saturdays: 4:00pm

Sundays: **8:00am** *The Church will be opened 30 minutes prior to start

HYMNS- Parishioners may take a copy of the Breaking Bread Hymnal. If you do so, remember to take it home with you and bring it each time you come for Mass. Any copy left in the Church will be thrown away.

COLLECTIONS-No taking up of collections. Please place your envelope in the collection basket toward the front of the Church before/after the Mass.

- **Bishop Ronald Gainer suspended the Sunday Obligation until further notice.**
- **If you feel sick or have an underlying medical condition, please stay home!**
- **Wear a face mask at all times during church. Exceptions: Individuals with a medical condition that prevents the use of masks and children under the age of 2.**
- **Make use of the hand sanitizer**
- **Keep six feet apart.**
- **The Church will open 30 minutes before the beginning of Holy Mass.**

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The Faith Alive!

This new video series from the **Diocese of Harrisburg** explores and explains the basics of the Catholic Faith through short videos. Throughout this year, we'll be joined by special guests, including Bishop Gainer, to explore topics related to what we believe as Catholics, various Church teachings, and ways to grow in the Faith. Look for a new video every Wednesday at 7 p.m. on the Diocesan YouTube channel, www.YouTube.com/hbgdiocese

Facebook Q&A with Bishop Gainer:

Tune in to the Diocese of Harrisburg's Facebook page at 7 p.m. the first Monday of every month, beginning March 1, for Facebook Q&A with Bishop Gainer. Every month, we'll sit down with the Bishop to answer your questions. Have a question? Please email it to communications@hbgdiocese.org.

Spring Raffle

Our Lady's PCCW will be sponsoring a Spring Raffle Ticket, where individuals can win different denominations of lottery tickets totaling \$500.00. Tickets will be sold through Friday, 5/21/2021. Ticket donation is \$2.00. You must be 18 years old to purchase a ticket. Tickets can be purchased by contacting any council member, John Perseponko at (717) 614-7777 or by calling the parish office. If purchasing tickets by check, please make the check payable to "OLHC PCCW." Winners will be contacted by phone and may pick up their prize the morning of the drawing or make other arrangements to pick up their lottery tickets. Please help us to support both our parish and communities by purchasing these tickets.

The **PCCW** will be holding their next meeting on Monday, April 5th, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish social hall. Please enter the social hall by the main street entrance, a mask and social distancing are required. All women of the parish are invited to attend these meetings.

Saturday, March 27:

10:00 – 11:00 am – Lenten Confessions: Face to face only; as you enter the Religious Ed. Building; face mask required; if you would like to sit, bring a chair with you.

There won't be Saturday afternoon Confessions.

Thursday, April 1:

Holy Thursday: **7:00 pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Friday, April 2:

Good Friday: **2:30 pm – The Passion of the Lord**

Saturday, April 3:

Holy Saturday

There won't be Saturday afternoon Confessions.

8:00 pm – Easter Vigil Celebrations

Sunday, April 4:

Easter Sunday: **8:00 am – Mass**