

# December 04, 2022

## Our Lady Help of Christians Parish

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Parish Office Hours: Mon. – Thur. 9am to 2pm

Friday (By Appointment Only)



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

**Parish Websites**•[ourlady-lykens.org](http://ourlady-lykens.org) and [queenofpeace-millersburg.org](http://queenofpeace-millersburg.org)

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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:

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

### Sunday Morning Mass:

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

### Weekday Mass:

Mon. – Tues. & Fri. 8:30 a.m. Our Lady Help of Christians, Lykens,  
Wednesday Mass at Queen of Peace at 12:00 p. m.

### Holy Day Mass:

11a.m. Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Lykens.  
7pm Queen of Peace Millersburg.

### **Scripture Readings Pg. 33**

#### **Hymns: Dec. 3rd & Dec. 4th**

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| The Advent Of Our King                      | <b>BB #59</b>  |
| Comfort Comfort, O My People ( <b>NEW</b> ) | <b>BB #60</b>  |
| Like A Shepherd                             | <b>BB #616</b> |
| The King of Glory Comes                     | <b>BB #728</b> |

**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 changes.

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** 1:00p.m. 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.

### **The Sacrament of Penance:**

Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Lykens:  
Saturdays from 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.  
Mondays – 7:45 – 8:15 a.m.

**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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| <b>Saturday Dec. 03</b><br>4:00pm @ OL | <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b><br>In memory of Floyd Shutt by: Pat, Jarid, & Nicole Shutt |
| <b>Sunday Dec. 04</b><br>8:00am @ OL   | <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b><br>In memory of Clarence Hoffman by: Barbara Davis         |
| <b>Monday Dec. 05</b><br>8:30am @ OL   | In memory of Mary Margaret Perhach by: The Perhach Family                                 |
| <b>Tuesday Dec. 06</b><br>8.30am @OL   | In memory of Rosemary Boyer by: Dawn & Ken Drum   |
| <b>Wed Dec. 07</b><br>12noon QOP       | No Mass   |
| <b>Thur. Dec. 08</b><br>11:00 am @ OL  | In memory of Brian Kerwin by: Evelyn Koppenhaver  |
| <b>Friday Dec. 09</b><br>8:30 @ OL     | In memory of Rosalind Wilson by: Dolores Laundenslager                                    |
| <b>Saturday Dec. 10</b><br>4:00pm @ OL | <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b><br>In memory of Anna M Travitz by: PCCW                     |
| <b>Sunday Dec. 11</b><br>8:00am @ OL   | <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b><br>In memory of Rosemary Boyer by: Deb & Ken Bush           |

Sanctuary Lamp burns: **For All Souls**

## Ministers of the Liturgical Celebrations Schedule

### Dec 10, 2022 @ 4:00 p.m.

**Altar Servers** – Ameila Latshaw & Francesca Ziegler

**Altar Observer** – Cade Rautzhan

**Lector** – Vincent Lamenza

### Dec 11, 2022 @ 8:00 a.m.

**Altar Servers** – Kelli & John Kerwin

**Lector** – Warren Thoma

### **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

### Dec. 08, 2022 @ 11:00 a.m.

**Altar Servers** – Massimo & Gigi Schiano-di-Cola

**Lector** – Carol Lark

### Offerings:

November 27, 2022 \$4,714.00

90 envelopes returned.

2021 \$3,193.00 – 60 envelopes returned.

**December Collections:** Maintenance Fund, Debt, Utility Fund

Immaculate Conception Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>.

Retirement Fund for Religious Dec.11<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Flowers Offering Dec 2022

**Second Sunday of Advent** Our need to change

**Reading I** Isaiah 11:1-10 (the rule of Emmanuel)

**Reading II** Romans 15:4-9 (prayer of encouragement)

**Gospel** Matthew 3:1-12 (John the Baptist)

**Key Passage** This is the one [John the Baptist] of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."  
(Matthew 3:3)

**Adult** What do you need to change so that others can learn from watching you that Christ walks among us?

**Child** What could you do so that others will see in you what it means to follow Jesus?

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**CATECHISTS:** December 06, 2022 we will have a meeting in Our Lady Help of Christians Parish social hall at 6:30 p.m.

Jane Teter-Coordinator of Religious Ed

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**Please remember those who have requested prayers:**

**Your prayer request is removed after 3 months unless we are notified.**

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|  *Almonzo        | *Sharon Hodge   | *Jeanette Matter      | *Alex Telez  |
| *Schylar Ackerman   | *Eileen Hoffman   | *Joyce Moyer          | *Todd Trawitz  |
| *Don Adams  |  *Axel Jones         | *Jim Murray           | *Mary Underkoffler   |
| *Andrea Bixler  | *Brett Kaden  | *Jeannie Nard         | *Marion Unger  |
| *Rita Bordner   | *Vincent Kennedy  | *Tom Nestor           | *Walt Unruh  |
| *Hillary Brennan  |  *Hadleigh Kissinger | *Connie O'Neill       | *Colleen Wallace   |
| *Michael Daniel   | *Devin Kline  | *Joe O'Neill          | *Karen Waters  |
|  *Nolan Deitrich | *Tim Kloss  | *Fr. Paul Opoki, AJ   | *Carol Wegner  |
| *Dan Derr   | *Evelyn Koppenhaver   | *Catherine Peckne     | *Pricilla Wrubel   |
| *Kathy Platzer Dougher  | *Mary Jane Koppenhaver  | *Ken Rebuck           | *Jim Willier   |
| *Laretta Doyle  | *Derek Larthey  | *Elizabeth Rowe       | *Alice Yuslim  |
| *Valerie Doyle  | *Donnie Laing   | <b>Dan Seitzinger</b> |  Unborn |
| *Steve Davis  | *Ruth McNalis   | *Pat Shutt            |  |
| *Frances Frantz   | *Pat Miller   | *Dorothy Snesavage    |  |
| *Alma Fuess   | *Megan Miller   | *Linda Stoudt         |  |
| *Brenda Garber  | *Kenny Miller   | *Jule Suchar          |  |
| *Harvey Gultman   | *Jimmy Modrijan   | *Kaye Thoma           |  |

**God is good!!! All the time!!! All the time!!! God is good!!!**

Thank you very much all our parishioners for your generous **World Mission Sunday** contribution that totaled \$787.00. United with Catholics throughout the world, you answered your baptismal call with exuberance and zeal! **"You shall be my witnesses"** (Acts 1: 18), the Lord asked, and you responded, as you lived that witness, reaching out to your brothers and sisters in the Missions. Your assistance helps bring God's love, hope and peace to all His children – especially the poor, as well as those persecuted for the faith, and those yet to know the salvation of the Gospel. I worked in Mission areas for a number of years and I can assure you of the constant prayers offered for you and wholeheartedly gratitude of those who benefit from your offerings.

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**HAPPY 30TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY!**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

*Father Mike will be celebrating his 30th Ordination Anniversary December the 12, 2022. On Saturday December the 10, 2022 after the 4pm Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, all parishioners are invited to join in a small celebration of cake and coffee that will be served in the social hall.*

*Father Mike, congratulations for your many years of faithful service, you are a wonderful example of what it means to be a dedicated servant to the Lord.*

*God Bless You!*

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**REMINDER-** THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY IS A **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**. THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS IS AT 11:00 a.m. at **Our Lady Help of Christians Parish** and 7:00 p.m. at **Queen of Peace**.

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE:** Saturday, December the 17<sup>th</sup> at 10a.m. we will have our Advent Penance service. Weather permitting we will have a guest priest.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES:** Saturday December 24<sup>th</sup> the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is at 4:00 p.m. at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish. The Children's choir will sing Christmas carols; the program will begin at 3:30 p. m. and will run approximately 15 - 20 minutes. Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup> the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass begins at 8:00 a.m. at Our Lady Help Of Christians Parish.

**Fish Fry Restart Heads-up:** Our last fish fry was held on March 17, 2020, when we cancelled because of COVID. **We will be restarting the Fish Fry next year.** Accordingly, we will need to meet, and get organized for 2023. The first Fish Fry will be held on February 24<sup>th</sup>. We plan to have our first planning meeting in January, so please watch for meeting information in the bulletin. We will need volunteers, so please consider donating your time and talent. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the Fish Fry feel free to call the rectory Monday through Thursday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2p.m. at 717-453-7895 with your name and contact information. **Your support is important in making the Fish Fry a great success this year!** Thank you.

**COOKIE SALE TO COMBAT WORLD HUNGER:** It is that time of the year, for our annual Christmas cookie tray sale. The trays are \$20.00, proceeds from one-tray feeds 222 people. For your convenience, two order forms are in the back of the church and one on the back porch of the rectory. **Please have your orders to me by December 04, 2022. Cookies must be paid prior to pick up which is December 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>, after The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Thank you.**

**IF YOU ARE WRITING A CHECK FOR YOUR COOKIE TRAY, PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO THE COOKIE SALE. Thank you.**

**Sacred Heart of Jesus:** The items that were sold November 19, 2022 at Sacred Heart of Jesus came to the amount of \$478.00. This amount includes purchases and donations. Thank you.

**FOOD DRIVE:** Starting December 05, 2022 Our Lady help of Christians Parish will begin collecting cans goods, and all types of dry goods for the food drive, we will continue to collect items through December 18, 2022. Please place your items in a bag or a box and put them in the rear of the church. The items will be collected weekly and then the week before Christmas the items will be distributed to our local food banks within the area. If you have any questions concerning the food drive feel free to call me at 717-453-7895 between the hours of 9am to 2pm Monday through Thursday.

Thank you for your support in such an important out reach program for those less fortunate in our community.

**ADVENT GIVING TREE:** Our Advent Giving Tree is up with tags placed on it for parishioners to choose from. These tags contain the name of an item, (socks, t-shirts, underwear, hat & gloves) to be purchased for those who are in need. Envelopes are also on the tree if you prefer to give a cash donation instead of purchasing an item. Please wrap all items purchased and place them under the tree by **December 18<sup>th</sup>**. Envelopes with monetary donations can be placed in the collection basket or put in the mail slot on the back porch of the rectory. **The monetary envelopes need to be returned by December 18th as well.** Thank you.



Advent Giving Tree