

January 01, 2023

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**

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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. 53

Hymns: Dec. 31st & Jan. 1st

Song of Mary (NEW)

BB #698

Ave Maria

BB

#703

Silent Night

BB #79

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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Saturday Dec. 31 4:00pm @ OL	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother Of God In memory of Dino Pericone by: Joe & Patti Welsh
Sunday Jan. 01 8:00am @ OL	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother Of God For The Intentions of The People of The Parish
Monday Jan 02 8:30am @ OL	In memory of Anna Travitz by: Dennis, Patti, & John Kute
Tuesday Jan. 03 8.30am @OL	In memory of Rosemary Boyer by: Cheryl Schaffer
Wed Jan 04 12noon QOP	No Mass
Thur. Jan. 05 8:30 am @ OL	No Mass ROSARY: Begins at 6:00 p.m. @ Our Lady Help of Christians Parish every Thursday evening.
Friday Jan. 06 8:30 @ OL	In memory of Lacinda Readinger by: Rosemary Eshleman
Saturday Jan. 07 4:00pm @ OL	The Epiphany Of The Lord In memory of Cindy Readinger by: Joe & Patti Welsh
Sunday Jan. 08 8:00am @ OL	The Epiphany Of The Lord In memory of Linda Jacman by: Cyndi & Lexy Rudisill

Sanctuary Lamp burns: **For All Souls**

Ministers of the Liturgical Celebrations Schedule

Jan. 07, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m.

Altar Servers – Nolan Savage & Cade Rautzhan

Lector – Carol Lark

Jan. 08 2023 @ 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers – Kelli & John Kerwin

Lector – Joseph Kerwin

Offerings:

December 25, 2022 \$8,729.00

78 envelopes returned.

2021 \$8,092.00 – 86 envelopes returned.

January Collections: Maintenance Fund, Debt, & Utility Fund

PARISHIONERS:

Please welcome Father Bruno Dongo, A. J. who will be filling in for Father Mike while he is on vacation. Be sure to say hello and thank him for filling in and giving of his time to do so. Thank you Father Bruno.



Mary, Mother of God Helping others to know God's blessing

Reading I Numbers 6:22-27 (the priestly blessing)

Reading II Galatians 4:4-7 (free sons of God in Christ)

Gospel Luke 2:16-21 (the shepherds' visit, the circumcision)

Key Passage The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. (Numbers 6:24-25)

Adult How has God blessed and kept your family? What can you do as a family this week to show your gratitude for these blessings?

Child When have you felt most blessed by God? What can you do to help someone in your family feel the same way?

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!

We would like to give special thanks to Paul Dimon of Dimon Funeral Home, for sponsoring our beautiful Catholic calendars for 2023. The calendars are at the front and side entrances of the church so be sure to take one with you as you enter the church or at the end of services on your way out.

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

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



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH

Christmas Flowers 2022

Mr. Jeff Bordner	The Deceased Members of the Bordner, Kramer, Romberger & McNellis Families
Mrs. Eileen Hoffman	Clarence J. Hoffman, Jennifer Hoffman, Hoffman & Shiley Families, all deceased Members of Our Lady Help Of Christians Parish
Mr. Francis Kelley	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas F. Kelley, Deceased Kelley Family, Deceased Blank Family, Michael B. Kelley
Mr. & Mrs. Martin Lavery, Jr.	All our Loved ones in Heaven
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Mohan	
Mary Nice	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Taglieri, Gloria Nice
Mrs. Stephanie Poole	Gordon E Deiter, Jr.,
Mrs. Anne Romberger	Romburger Family, Kramer Family, Bordner Family, Unger Family, Henry Gilibons, Joe Pental
Mr. & Mrs. Vincenzo Schiano-di-Cola	Maria Rosana Scoto D Abbuscito, Michele Schiano –di-Cola, Delores & George Kalke, Lydia & Luther Shade
Mr. Andrew Tiazkun	Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Tiazkun

ANNUAL DIOCESEAN CAMPAIGN 2022 – We have an outstanding balance due of \$4,737.00. An anonymous parishioner would like to challenge everyone by offering a match (up to \$2,500.00) for funds raised before end of January. Thank you.

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ANNIVERSARY OF ROE v. WADE RESOURCES:

Each year on January 22, all dioceses within the United States are called to observe a “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.” Since January 22, 2023, falls on a Sunday, the date will shift to Monday, January 23, 2023. Resources are available from the USCCB to help parishes, schools, families, ministries, and individual Catholics participate in this important day of prayer and penance. Attached, please find the January Homily Helps resource available from the USCCB, which may be useful to you in your ministry

The annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass will be Saturday, January 21, 2023, at Holy Spirit Church, Palmyra. This Mass is celebrated every year to commemorate the lives lost to abortion since 1973 and to pray for a culture of life in our nation from conception to natural death. Attached, please find materials to promote this Mass. For additional information, please contact the Office for Life & Dignity at 717-657-4804 ext 322 or email mweltmer@hbgdiocese.org.

The 2023 March for Life buses - January 20: Even with the blessing of Roe v. Wade being overturned, the necessary work to build a culture of life in the United States is not finished. The goal of the National March for Life is not only to change laws at the state and federal level, but to change the American culture to ultimately make abortion unthinkable. The National March for Life will continue until a culture of life is restored to the United States.

There are seats available on local buses going to the March for Life! Please visit <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/march-for-life-bus-information/> for the latest information and to register.

2023 Men’s Conference Announcement:

Saturday, March 18th, the Diocese of Harrisburg will host its annual Men’s Conference at the Diocesan Center in Harrisburg. Marcel LeJeune, President and Founder of Catholic Missionary Disciples will offer the keynote address. Breakout session presenters include Marcel LeJeune, Bishop Gainer, Fr. Ryan Fischer, Deacon Armando Torres, and Deacon Virgilio Centenera.

Mass celebrated by Bishop Gainer, Confession, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament are all part of this annual event. For more details, visit <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/men>.

Our Lady’s Fish Fry Meeting: There will be a meeting on **Tuesday, January 10th, at 6:30 PM** in the parish social hall. In case of bad weather, we will meet on the 11th, at the same time.) We will be planning and organizing for the upcoming **Lenten Fish Fry**. The first fish fry will be **Friday, February 24th**. Anyone who is interested in volunteering is asked to attend. If you want to volunteer, but cannot make the meeting, please notify the parish office. (717 453-7895) Because we have not had a fish fry since March 2020 it will be more challenging to plan, and get organized. Also, we lost some key people who played an important role in making the fish fry a successful event.

Each fish fry requires volunteers over a three-day period. Thursday mornings are food prep, and that normally runs from 9 to 10:30 AM. Also, on Thursday evening fish is cut, and that takes about an hour. Friday is the fish fry and we usually need 15 or 16 people, and the hours are 2:30 to 7:30. (Not everyone needs to be there by 2:30.) Saturday morning is clean up and that takes two people about two hours. Details of what needs to be done each day will be discussed, and how best to get the job done.

Although we have a core group of volunteers, additional helpers are needed. and appreciated. If we have more than adequate help, we can set up a schedule, so people do not need to work every week.

We hope to have a good turnout so we can continue this important parish fund raiser. Together we can share our time, and talent for the benefit of the church family.