

October 11, 2020

Our Lady Help of Christians Church Sacred Heart of Jesus Church

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Parish Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am – 3pm
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Lykens, PA**



**Sacred Heart of Jesus Church
Williamstown, PA**

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Alcoholics Anonymous • Meet at OLHC Parish Hall • Sundays and Thursdays @ 7 pm

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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:

4:15pm Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Lykens.

Sunday Morning Mass:

8:15am and 10:30 am Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Lykens.

Weekday Mass:

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

Holy Day Mass:

The Sacrament of Penance:

Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Lykens:
Saturdays from 3:15 – 4:00pm **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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| <i>Saturday, Oct. 10</i> 4:15pm @ OL | In memory of Susan Messner by: Ed Messner |
| <i>Sunday, Oct. 11</i> 8:15am @ OL 10:30am @ OL | Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time For the People of the Parish In memory of Mr. Timothy Wixted by: Dorothy Walton & Christina Barry |
| <i>Monday, Oct. 12</i> 8:30am @ OL | In memory of Jeff Pental by: Tom Nestor |
| <i>Tuesday, Oct. 13</i> 8:30am @ OL | In memory of Jeff Pental by: Clarence & Eileen Hoffman |
| <i>Wednesday, Oct. 14</i> 8:30am @ OL | In memory of Jeff Pental by: Hank & Cyndi Rudisill |
| <i>Thursday, Oct. 15</i> | Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church PLEASE JOIN US TO PRAY THE ROSARY IN OUR LADY'S CHURCH AT 6:30PM |
| <i>Friday, Oct. 16</i> 8:30am @ OL | In memory of Karen Leiter by: Mike Leiter |
| <i>Saturday, Oct. 17</i> 4:15pm @ OL | Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr In memory of Mr. Jeff Pental by: Mrs. Joan Orowski |
| <i>Sunday, Oct. 18</i> 8:15am @ OL 10:30am @ OL | Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time In memory of Robert Clifford by: Dawn & Ken Drum For the People of the Parish |

Our Lady Help of Christians Sanctuary Lamp burns: For All Souls

Ministers of the Liturgical Celebrations Schedule

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| <u>Saturday, October 17, 2020 @ 4:15pm</u> Lector- Carol Lark Greeter/s- Randy & Carol Lark | <u>Sunday, October 18, 2020 @ 8:15am</u> Lector – Nicholas Whitcomb Greeter/s – |
| <u>Offerings:</u> October 4, 2020: \$3,616.00 (combined) # of Returned Envelopes: 87 2019 Collections: \$8,823.00 (combined) <u>Second Collections:</u> Oct. 11th: Debt Reduction Oct. 18th: Utility Fund/Mission Sunday | <u>Sunday, October 18, 2020 @ 10:30am</u> Lector – Josh Kennedy Greeter/s – Dawn Drum |
| October 11, 2020 <i>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Living our faith Reading I: Isaiah 25:6-10 (a feast for all peoples) Reading II: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 (generosity) Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14 (the wedding banquet) Key Passage: Jesus said, “Many are invited, but few are chosen.” (Matthew 22:14) Adult: What will you do this week to show God that you understand the relationship between faith and works? Child: What three things can you do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus? | <u>Reopening of Religious Ed Program Is October 11,2020</u> To enable social distancing, the followed staggered times for your children to arrive for CCD classes will be as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 a.m. - 7th, 8th & 9th grades • 9:05 a.m. - 5th and 6th grades • 9:10 a.m. - Kindergarten, 3rd and 4th grades • 9:15 a.m. - 1st, 2nd, 10th and 11th grades Your children will be dismissed 1 hour from the time of each individual grades arrival time. E-mails that have been received concerning the times of arrival only, please ignore. Thank you for your continued support. Jane Teter Religious Ed Coordinator |
| <u>Parish Office Hours:</u> The parish office will be closed Monday, October 12, 2020 in observation of the Columbus Day holiday. It will reopen Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 9am. |  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>With Sincere Sympathy</i> MAY SHE REST IN THE PEACE OF THE LORD! Please pray for the soul of <i>Mary Trumpeter</i>, who passed away recently. The parish communities of Our Lady Help of Christians and Sacred Heart of Jesus extend their deepest sympathies to Mary's family, relatives and friends on the loss of their loved one.</p> |


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Please Remember Those Who Have Requested Prayers

 *Almonzo
*Andrea Bixler
*Rita Bordner
*Nancy Brennan
*Michael Daniel
*Kathy Platzer Dougher
*Joyce Dolan
*Laretta Doyle
*Justin Drahovsky
*Brenda Garber
*Deb Harman
*Sharon Hodge
 *Axel Jones

*Brett Kaden
*Vincent Kennedy
*Shelly Klinger
*Evelyn Koppenhaver
*Mary Jane Koppenhaver
*Peter Kowalchuk
*John Kurtanick
*Donnie Laing
*Derek Larthey
*Natalie McMaster
*Ruth McNalis
*Cheryl Messner
*Pat Miller

*Megan Miller
*Jimmy Modrijan
*Joyce Moyer
*Jeannie Nard
*Ken Rebuck
*William Sedessee
*Margaret Shadle
*Pat Shutt
*Eileen Sitlinger
*Dorothy Snesavage
*Penny Stine
*Linda Stoudt
*Anna Trawitz

*Peg Troutman
*Mary Underkoffler
*Katie Wallace
*Karen Waters
*Steve Welker
*Roz Wilson
*Jim Willier
*Priscilla Wrubel
*Alice Yuslum
*Brent Daniels
*Tim Kloss
 *Unborn Children

From 'The Association for Catechumenal Ministry'

THE CHRISTIAN MEANING OF FREEDOM

Part III

The truth about human nature

A correct understanding of human freedom must be firmly grounded in the truth about human nature. This is critically important. Even a casual glance at the horrors prevalent in human history (or in the daily headlines) will reveal that something has gone terribly wrong in the world. Alongside all of the good things, there is much selfishness, hatred, violence, greed, exploitation of others, and on and on. Why?

The answer lies at the dawn of human history. Sacred Scripture tells us that Adam and Eve, our first parents, rebelled against the Lord and, by choosing to follow the words of the serpent rather than the Word of God, they sinned against God (**Genesis 3:1-13**). They tried to live contrary to His plan and commandments, and in doing so they separated themselves from the very source of their own spiritual life and happiness. They fell from God's grace and friendship (**Genesis 3:22-24**) and, in them, so did we.

Ever since then, humanity has been in bondage to the power of sin and in the grip of the devil. Because of the fallen human nature that we all received from Adam and Eve, we each have darkened intellects, weakened will, and disordered desires. Any notion of human freedom that does not take the fact of original sin into account is in serious trouble.

Truth is central to true freedom. When people's minds are filled with wrong ideas about God, themselves, other people, and the meaning of life, they live in spiritual darkness. Our ideas shape the way we think and live. This is why St. Paul tells us that we must be transformed by the renewal of our minds (**Rom 12:2**). As our minds become filled with the truth of God's Word, this will show itself in our lives. We will live rightly, because we will be living according to the truth. Jesus says to all that would follow Him, "**you will know the truth and the truth will make you free**" (**John 8:31-32**).

The key point is that morality and human freedom cannot be separated from truth. Jesus said, "**I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me**" (**John 14:6**). Only in Christ will we find the true meaning of human freedom.

The Movie: Fatima (PG-13)

Will be showing at the **TVP Colonnade Theater** in **Millersburg:**

Saturday, Oct. 10th at 7:15pm

Sunday, Oct. 11th at 2:15pm

www.tvpcolonnade.com

*2020 marks the 103rd Anniversary of the "Miracle of the Sun" in Fatima.

Card Shower:

On Thursday, October 15, 2020 Rosemary Boyer will be celebrating her 80th birthday. Rose was the organist for Sacred Heart Parish for many years, please help us to "shower" her with well wishes for this milestone birthday.

Mrs. Rosemary Boyer

220 W Boyer St

Williamstown, PA 17098-1501

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| Entrance | Side Entrance only. |
| Gloves | Gloves are not to be worn during the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. Gloves should not be used either at the distribution or reception of Holy Communion |
| Confessions | Saturday: 3:15pm-4:00pm Face to face only and putting on face masks. Will now be heard immediately inside the back entrance of the Religious Education building. |
| Masses | Saturdays: 4:15pm Sundays: 8:15am and 10:30am *The Church will be opened 30 minutes prior to start. |
| Hymns | There will only be: The Entrance Hymn, The Responsorial Psalm, and The Sending Forth Hymn. All the other parts of the Mass will be recited. 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 taken and thrown out. |
| Collections | No taking up of collections. Please place your envelope in the collection basket toward the front of the Church before/after the Mass. |
| Holy Communion | During the Mass. Please keep six feet apart as you come up to receive Holy Communion. |

Bishop Gainer has suspended the Sunday Obligation until further notice.

- If you feel sick or have an underlying medical condition, please stay home!
- Face masks are required at all times while you are in Church. Exceptions: Individuals with a medical condition that prevents use of masks and children under the age of 2.
- Make use of the hand sanitizer.
- Keep six feet apart.
- **Holy Water** may be obtained by contacting the parish office. – Please provide an appropriate container.

PCCW News and Upcoming Events

Rosary: Every Thursday Evening at 6:30pm in Our Lady's Church:

This week's collective intention: October 15: For the grace to live together in harmony despite our differences.

Sycamore Springs Apple Dumpling Sale:

You may pick up your apple dumpling orders on **Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 5:30pm**. For those who purchased apple dumplings from our council members from Williamstown, you can pick up your orders at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church's social hall. All other orders can be picked up at Our Lady's Social Hall. If you have any questions about where to pick up your order, please contact Anne Romberger at (717) 647-9182.

Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner:

The PCCW will be sponsoring a Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner on Election Day, **November 3, 2020**. The cost is \$10.00 per ticket and the dinner will consist of pork, sauerkraut (from the Knights of Columbus), mashed potatoes, applesauce and dessert. Dinners are **"Take Out Only"**. You can **pick up** your dinners between the hours of **11:00am – 1:00pm or 4:00pm – 6:30pm** in **Sacred Heart of Jesus Church's social hall**. Tickets are available by contacting Dawn Drum at (717)647-9124, Deb Bush at (717)453-9984 or any council member. You can also purchase tickets at the parish office. Our council will also be sponsoring a Chinese Auction table at this fundraiser.

Christmas Raffle:

The PCCW is selling Christmas Raffle Tickets that contain prizes totaling \$1,000. The cost is \$5.00 per ticket. The drawing will take place on Sunday, December 6, 2020. If you would like more tickets to purchase or sell, please contact any council member or stop by the parish office.