



OUR LADY OF MERCY

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CLERGY

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SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

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MASS & LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday @ 8:00 am English & 12:00 pm Spanish
Monday & Friday @ 8:00 am
Wednesday @ 12:10 pm & 7:00 pm Spanish (Adoration @ 6:00pm)
First Saturday of the month - 8:00 am
Reconciliation: Wednesday 6:00-6:45pm or by appointment

STAFF

Tammy Reid, Finance Manager
Kelly DeRaymond, PREP and Youth Group
Karen Corpora, Liturgy & Adult Faith Formation
Anette Maritza Gallego, Bilingual Secretary – Wednesday & Thursday 12-4
James Convery, Parish Music Director
Linda Moyer, Cemetery Coordinator
Michael Buckelew, Maintenance

MASS & LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday @ 4:30pm
Sunday @ 10:30am
Tuesday & Thursday @ 8:30am (Adoration @ 7:30am)
Reconciliation: Tuesday & Thursday 7:30am - 8:30am
and Saturday from 3:30-4:15pm or by appointment

STAFF

Rose Allshouse, Office Manager
James Allshouse, Finance
Joseph Fink, Director of Music and Worship
Kelly DeRaymond, Director of Religious Education – Youth

ALLENTOWN DIOCESE WEBSITE
www.allentowndioocese.org

CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE
www.reportbishopabuse.org, 1-800-276-1562

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Pamela J. Russo, LSW, MSW, MS
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PASTOR'S NOTES

PAX DEI- "The Peace of God."

Jesus tells us in the Gospel of Matthew, *"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."*

We so often find ourselves inundated by distractions, obligations and notifications. As a result, many of us feel restless and without peace. How often do we make time to turn our hearts towards God, the very source of peace and every good gift, and give Him our attention? His invitation is always open, and at Our Lady of Mercy Parish we invite you to spend some time with the Lord in the uniquely intimate way which the Church calls adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please feel welcome to pray and rest for a little while. Sit or kneel in our beautiful church, whatever is most comfortable. Even for just a few minutes.

Jesus invites us, "Come to Me!" Beginning on Fridays from 6-7pm at Our Lady of Mercy Church, we will be hosting an opportunity for quiet prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. After adoration, young adults (ages 20-35) are invited to a small gathering in the social hall from 7-8. I extend an invitation to all young people ages 20-35 to come experience the PAX DEI.

Have a great week.
Fr. Keith

COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO ARE
WEARY AND BURDENED, AND I WILL
GIVE YOU REST.

MATTHEW 11:28

<https://www.idisciple.org/post/verse-of-the-day-matthew-11-28>

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE arrangements should be made with the pastor one year prior to the wedding.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST is brought to the seriously ill and the aged monthly and Sundays by an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, if requested.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM is celebrated three times a year. Parents should be attending Mass regularly and are expected to attend a pre-baptism class. Sponsor certificates must be received by the Parish Center before the Baptism is scheduled. Please contact your respective parish.

PARISH REGISTRATION AND ADDRESS CHANGES: New members are always welcome. Please notify your parish office to update your contact information.

HOSPITAL OR NURSING HOME ADMISSION NOTIFICATION:

Help us in our pastoral ministry to the sick by notifying your respective parish office when a loved one is admitted to a hospital or nursing home. Upon admission, please state the parish a person is a member.

YOUTH GROUP, PREP, SACRAMENTS

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

January 19th - March for Life @ Washington DC

Any Youth interested in attending please contact Mrs. DeRaymond for details.

SNOWTUBING AT BLUE MOUNTAIN

Monday, January 15th

The Cost will be \$10 each.

Anyone interested in attending please contact Mrs. DeRaymond at 610-253-7188 or bubbade85@att.net



FIRST PENANCE NEWS

January 21st - 1st Penance Parent's Meeting

@ 9:00 am - in St. Anthony's School

January 28th - 1st Penance Friendship Day

@ 9:00 am - in the School Hall (students only)

January 28th - 1st Penance Parent's Meeting - (Snow Date)

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated Saturday, February 3rd (Saturday, February 10th - snow date) at 10:00 a.m. in St. Anthony's Church.

Please keep our 1st Reconciliation/1st Communion children in your prayers as they continue to prepare for these great Sacraments.



The Sacrament of

Reconciliation ©JPPC

FAMILY PREP

Classes are held monthly on the

Second Sunday of the Month

9:00 a.m. in St. Anthony of Padua Parish Hall

Note the Location Change

Classes are dismissed at 10:10 A.M.

Our Next Session will be on

Sunday, January 14th

PARISH EVENTS

READINGS

Monday 15	1 Samuel 15 Mark 2	16-23 18-22
Tuesday 16	1 Samuel 16 Mark 2	1-13 23-28
Wednesday 17	1 Samuel 17 Mark 3	32-33, 37, 40-51 1-6
Thursday 18	1 Samuel 18 Mark 3	6-9, 19: 1-7 7-12
Friday 19	1 Samuel 24 Mark 3	3-21 13-19
Saturday 20	2 Samuel 1 Mark 3	1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 20-21
Sunday 21	Jonah 3 1 Corinthians 7 Mark 1	1-5, 10 29-31 14-20



BIBLE STUDY

Join us as we dive into the Gospel of John. We will be using Ascension Press's Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John. By: Edward Sri. The Bible Study will meet on Sunday mornings from 9:00 – 10:10 in Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center. We will be beginning January 28th. All are welcome!

WHY DO WE EXIST?

Our Lady of Mercy and Saint Anthony exist to create a community where people can experience the healing and joy that comes from a loving relationship with Jesus Christ.

Lord Jesus,

We ask you to be with us as we work together to create a community where people can experience the healing and joy that comes from a loving relationship with you. Help us to go above and beyond what is expected of us so that we may be hardworking and reliable. Teach us to always strive for excellence in our work. We ask that you help us to become selfless servants who serve with humility so that we may generously assist others who are in need. We ask that you help us to see you in everyone we meet so that we may serve them with dignity and respect and may treat them as loving members of your family. We ask this in your Holy Name. AMEN

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Paul's Eucharistic teaching in 1 Corinthians leaves us in no doubt. "For this is what I received from the Lord and in turn passed on to you: That on the same night as he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it, and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper and said, 'This cup is a new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death. And so anyone who eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will be behaving unworthily toward the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone is to recollect himself before eating this bread and drinking this cup, because a person who eats and drinks without recognizing the body is eating and drinking his own condemnation" (1 Cor. 11:23-29).

COMING IN MARCH

March 2nd and 3rd We will host the Blessed Carlo Acutis Display of Eucharistic Miracles

The display will be available in the parish hall at Our Lady of Mercy. More details and times to follow.

COFFEE & THE WORD

Join us every Tuesday morning at 9:30 AM in the Gathering Place at St. Anthony of Padua. You will enjoy fellowship and fresh coffee as we delve into the Word of God for the upcoming Sunday's liturgy. For more information, contact Valerie @ 610-253-5175 or the Parish Center.



PRO LIFE

The 51st March for Life in Washington DC. will be on Friday January 19th, 2024.

There are two buses leaving from our area, St Jane's call Andrew Azan 908-962-1552 and Saints Phillip and James call Colleen Wolters 908-329-4858.



ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH LIFE

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 16 NO MASS

Thursday, January 18 8:30 am

Laurent Roberge
The Deceased Members of the Roberge FamilySaturday, January 20 4:30 pm
Ignazia CignaSunday, January 21 10:30am
Grace Oieni 8th Anniversary

CANDLE INTENTIONS

Saint Anthony: Deceased Members of the Victor S. Patti Family**Blessed Mother:** Placido Viglianti**St. Placido:** Deceased Members of the San Placido Society**St. Joseph:** In Thanksgiving**St. Anne:** Stella Patti Grossman

Church (rack) Candles \$3.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY JANUARY 20 4:30 PM

SACRISTAN	L. Fowler		
LECTOR	J. Piagesi		
E. MINISTERS	M. Nicolosi	J. Reidda	J. Schinstine
SERVERS	A. Fink		
CANTORS	J. Fink		

SUNDAY JANUARY 21 10:30 AM

SACRISTAN	C. Minotti		
LECTOR	P. Berger		
E. MINISTERS	M. Azzalina	Sr. Donna	M. Gano
SERVERS	J. De Leon		
CANTORS	V. Hollingsworth		

STEWARDSHIP

You may make donations directly to Saint Anthony's Church at www.stanthonyeaston.com/giving. Please use your offering envelopes, which will be sent to your respective parish.

Weekly Budget: \$7,000.00**Weekly December 10th:** \$7,218.00**December 17th:** \$5,115.00**December 24th:** \$5,988.00**Christmas:** \$13,291.00**December 31st:** \$5,626.00**January 7th:** \$3,952.00

Recently Deceased

Tony DeVito

Ida Gabrielli

Victoria Calantoni

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

Contact Valerie:

lurvstowrite2003@yahoo.com

NUTROLL SALE

The Choir will sell Nutroll for Easter but will start earlier (Easter is March 31st). Look for details in January!



January 14th Reflection

Today we confront a particular meaning attached to the word "ordinary" again in Church circles. We generally think of the word as an adjective indicating "the usual" or "expected" way of someone or something.

But move over to the Church lexicon and the same word translates either to a legal description of a Catholic bishop who heads a diocese or to the label of a certain season of the Church year.

Case in point is the designation of this particular Sunday as the "Second Sunday in Ordinary Time." What that means is that we are not celebrating a particular great feast and its lead up, such as the Advent-Christmas cycle we just lived through, and the much larger Lent-Easter cycle. Instead, we are invited to dwell in depth on other events in Our Lord's earthly life, or perhaps one of His immortal sayings.

Today, for example, we have a powerful message set before us by St. Paul, our greatest missionary. It is found in today's Second Reading from his First Letter to the Corinthians. It is a straightforward expression of how we Christians are to regard our bodies. Paul tells us that any aberrations of his teaching would constitute serious mortal sin.

OUR LADY OF MERCY'S PARISH LIFE

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 14

Marie Fleck 8:00 am
Mary Theresa Klein

Blanca Paz 12:00pm

Monday, January 15

Joseph and Nancy Corpora 8:00 am

Wednesday, January 17

Robert Buckelew 12:10 pm

Almas de Pulgatorio

7:00 pm (Spanish)

Friday, January 19

Deceased Members of
the Fleck Family 8:00am

Sunday, January 21

Mary T Klein 4:00 pm

Caudencio Martinez - Birthday 12:00pm (Spanish)

STEWARDSHIP

You may make donations directly to Our Lady of Mercy online at: www.olomercy.com or use your weekly offering envelopes.

December Budgeted: \$6,875.00

Actual: December 31st: \$6,617.50

MASS INTENTIONS

To schedule a Mass please stop in or call the parish office.
Requested Donation is \$10.00.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30am-3:30pm

PROJECT OF EASTON

In the last three months Our Lady of Mercy parishioners donated 621 pounds of food and supplies to the food pantry at ProJeCt of Easton.

This brings the 2023 total to 2,571 lbs! Donating items each third Tuesday of the month provides the consistency ProJeCt relies on to serve those in need right here in the Easton area.

Check the wish list found at the back of church for items of greatest need. The next pick-ups will be January 16 and February 20, 2024. Many thanks for your continued generosity!



SAFE HARBOR

Our next meal for Safe Harbor will be on Tuesday, January 23. If you would like to help, please contact the parish office. 610-252-7381.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Our monthly Women's Guild Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 18th at 1:30 PM in the Parish Center. New Members are always welcome.

PRO LIFE

The monthly Pro-Life meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16th at 7:30PM in the parish center. All are welcome!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY JANUARY 21 8:00 AM

LECTOR David Jablonski
E. MINISTERS Mary Louise Evans
GREETER Val Lutz

MONDAY JANUARY 22

COUNTERS Erich & Kathy Hammerstone –
Fran Tone

COMUNIDAD HISPANA

ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR

PAX DEI- "La paz de Dios".

Jesús nos dice en el Evangelio de Mateo: *"Venid a mí todos los que estáis fatigados y agobiados, y yo os aliviaré. Llevad mi yugo y aprended de mí, que soy manso y humilde de corazón; y hallaréis descanso para vosotros. Porque mi yugo es fácil y mi carga ligera".*

A menudo nos encontramos inundados de distracciones, obligaciones y notificaciones. Como resultado, muchos de nosotros nos sentimos inquietos y sin paz. ¿Con qué frecuencia dedicamos tiempo a dirigir nuestro corazón a Dios, fuente de paz y de todo bien, y a prestarle nuestra atención? Su invitación está siempre abierta, y en la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de la Merced te invitamos a pasar un rato con el Señor de la manera tan íntima que la Iglesia llama adoración al Santísimo Sacramento. Por favor, siéntase bienvenido a rezar y descansar un rato. Siéntese o arrodílese en nuestra hermosa iglesia, lo que le resulte más cómodo. Aunque sólo sean unos minutos.

Jesús nos invita: "¡Vengan a Mí!". Comenzando los viernes de 6-7pm en la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de la Misericordia, seremos anfitriones de una oportunidad para orar en silencio frente al Santísimo Sacramento. Después de la adoración, los jóvenes adultos (edades 20-35) están invitados a una pequeña reunión en el salón social de 7-8. Invito a todos los jóvenes de 20 a 35 años a que vengan a vivir la experiencia del PAX DEI.

Que tengan una buena semana.
P. Keith



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SERVICIOS EN ESPAÑOL

La Misa: Domingo @ 12:00 pm / Miércoles @ 7:00 pm
Confesiones: Miércoles @ 6:00 pm

EL SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO Si desea recibir el Sacramento del Matrimonio, comuníquese con el párroco al menos 6 meses antes de la fecha de la boda.

LA SANTA EUCARISTÍA es llevada a los enfermos graves y ancianos mensualmente y los domingos por un Ministro Extraordinario de la Eucaristía, si así lo solicita.

EL SACRAMENTO DEL BAUTISMO Los Bautismos y clases bautismales se realizarán el primer domingo de mes y se alternarán todos los meses. Para más información por favor comunicarse con la oficina parroquial los miércoles o con el Diacono Jose Santos después de Misa. Por favor de registrar su hijo/a para ser bautizado por lo menos 3 meses antes de la fecha deseada.

REGISTRO PARROQUIAL Y CAMBIOS DE DIRECCIÓN: Los nuevos miembros son siempre bienvenidos. Por favor notifique a su oficina parroquial para actualizar su información de contacto.

NOTIFICACIÓN DE ADMISIÓN AL HOSPITAL O CASA DE ANCIANOS: Si un ser querido ingresa en el hospital, en una residencia de ancianos o está enfermo en casa, por favor notifíquelo al Centro Parroquial (610-252-7381).

NOTICIAS DE PREPARACION

RECONCILIACIÓN / PRIMERA COMUNIÓN / CONFIRMACIÓN

Las clases de Preparación para la Educación Religiosa Parroquial (PREP) se ofrecen durante el año escolar para preparar a sus hijos para recibir los sacramentos. La Primera Comunión y Reconciliación se reciben cuando los estudiantes están en el 3er grado. Sin embargo, le pedimos que haya al menos 2 años de preparación antes de que un niño reciba los sacramentos. Los estudiantes de confirmación deben participar en las clases de 7º y 8º grado. Póngase en contacto con nuestra coordinadora de PREP la Sra. Kelly DeRaymond.

NOTICIAS

Tenemos Secretaria bilingue disponible los Miércoles y Jueves de 12-4 para los que necesiten comunicarse o obtener información sobre sacramentos.

EL LIBRO DE INTENCIONES DE MISAS

Para programar una Misa, por favor visítenos o envíe sus solicitudes de intención de misa y estipendios a la oficina parroquial. A ley de la iglesia establece que no podemos aceptar más intenciones de las que podamos cumplir en un año. El libro de Misas se abrirá el martes 7 de noviembre de 2023. Se ha otorgado permiso para decir dos intenciones separadas en cada Misa; sin embargo, debido a la gran cantidad de solicitudes y al número limitado de Misas ofrecidas, solo se puede programar una Misa de fin de semana por parte de la familia por el momento. Se pueden programar misas adicionales después del primero del año. Llame a la oficina Parroquial para verificar la disponibilidad de la fecha deseada de la Misa.

¿QUÉ ESTÁ PASANDO EN TU VIDA POR LO QUE PODEMOS ORAR?

El personal de Nuestra Señora de la Merced y San Antonio esta comprometido a orar las necesidades de nuestros feligreses. Comuníquese con la oficina de su parroquia con sus peticiones para ser agregado a nuestra lista de oración. 610-252-7381

VELAS VOTIVAS

¿Le gustaría recordar a un ser querido en Misa? (Cumpleaños, aniversarios, memoriales ocasiones especiales). Ahora tenemos velas votivas por las Estatuas de Nuestra Santísima Madre y San Jose. El nombre y la intención se anunciarán antes de la Misa El costo es de \$5.00. Por favor de comunicarse con la oficina parroquial para reservar sus fechas.

NUESTRAS PUERTAS ESTAN ABRIERTAS

Todos los que deseen visitar para la oración privada son bienvenidos a pasar de lunes a jueves de 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Para acceder a la iglesia, por favor toque el timbre de la oficina parroquial.

LA IMPORTANCIA DE LA ADORACION EUCARISTICA

La importancia de la Adoración Eucarística se manifiesta en el hecho de que la iglesia tiene un Ritual que la regula: El derecho de Exposición y Bendición Eucarística, esta es una extensión de la Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento que ocurre en cada Misa: "He aquí el Cordero de Dios, he aquí el que quita el pecado de mundo. Bienaventurados los llamados a la cena del Cordero". La exposición del Santísimo Sacramento fluye del sacrificio de la Misa y sirve para profundizar nuestra hambre de Comunión con Cristo y el resto de la Iglesia. El Rito concluye con la bendición del ministro ordenando bendiciendo a los fieles con el Santísimo Sacramento.

VENTA DE SCRIPT

¡Las vacaciones llegan rápidamente! Las tarjetas de regalo son una excelente manera de recordar a esa persona especial. Pase por la mesa Script en la parte trasera de la iglesia o en la oficina parroquial para hacer su compra. ¡Podemos facilitarle sus compras!

THE DIOCESE AND COMMUNITY

PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE

Pennsylvanians for Human Life will have its next at 7pm Thursday January 25 (Snow date: February 15) at St. Anne's Church, 450 East Washington Avenue, Bethlehem, PA, 18017 in the Parish Room. All are welcome to help in our pro-life work. For more info, contact us at www.bethlehemeastonprolife.org.

WOMEN IN THE BIBLE

1:30 PM Wednesdays — January 31; February 7, 14, 21, 28; March 6 Saint Francis Retreat House

Brother Loren will offer a course titled Woman in Myth, Poetry, Parable, and Discourse. The course is open to all men and women who want to deepen their appreciation of the role of woman in the story of salvation. Participants will need a Bible and should be prepared ahead of time to reflect on relevant passages. The class will meet once a week for five or six 90-minute sessions. There is no fee. Free will offerings are accepted. To register, please contact Brother Loren at 610-258-3053, #48, or at BrotherLoren@stfrancisretreathouse.org.

**REDNER'S SAVE A TAPE PROGRAM**

If you shop at Redner's Market, we could use your help. After your shopping trip please save your receipts and drop them in the box in the rear of Our Lady of Mercy Church. PLEASE NOTE: tapes that are marked or cut off will not be accepted for refunds. All money received from the tapes will be used to support our local seminarians. We thank you for your support of this worthy cause.

TREASURING HUMAN LIFE

We need to stop a Constitutional Amendment which would allow abortions up to the moment of birth. The Amendment would have to pass both the PA House of Representatives and the PA Senate in two consecutive sessions before it would be placed on the ballot. As a faithful Christian, what can you do to help stop this dangerous Amendment?

- Pray everyday for the defeat of HB 1888, the dangerous Constitutional Amendment.

- Send a message to your state Representative and state Senator opposing the Amendment. You can do so via the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation's website at www.paprolife.org.

- Share this information with your pro-life friends and family members.

PENNSYLVANIA
PRO-LIFE
FEDERATION

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