# The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



# **OUR LADY OF MERCY**

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#### CLERGY

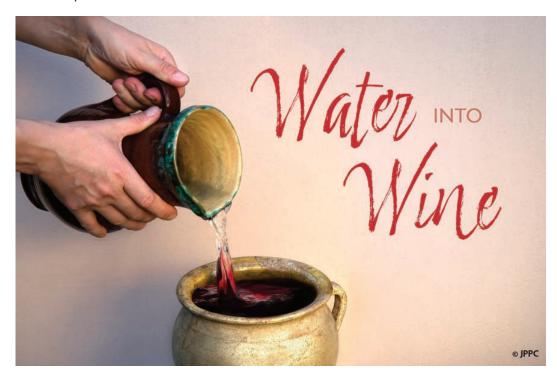
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# SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

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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 Karen Corpora, Liturgy & Adult Faith Formation Karina de Jesus Severino, Director of Religious Education Anette Maritza Gallego, Bilingual Secretary James Convery, Parish Music Director Linda Moyer, Cemetery Coordinator Michael Buckelew, Maintenance

#### MASS & LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday @ 4:30pm Sunday @ 10:30am Tuesday & Thursday @ 8:00am (Adoration @7:30am) Reconciliation: Tuesday & Thursday 7:30am - 8:00am 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 Karina de Jesus Severino, Director of Religious Education

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# PASTOR'S NOTES

An ancient rabbi once asked his pupils how they could tell when the night had ended and the day was on its way back. "Could it be," asked one student, "when you can see an animal in the distance and tell whether it is a sheep or a dog?" "No," answered the rabbi. "Could it be," asked another, "when you can look at a tree in the distance and tell whether it is a fig tree or a peach tree?" "No," said the rabbi. "Well, then what is it?" his pupils demanded. "It is when you look on the face of any woman or man and see that she or he is your sister and brother. Because if you cannot do this, then no matter what time it is, it is still night."

To see every woman and every man as sister and brother is to participate in the faithful vision of the mystic, whose central intuition is the unity and oneness of ALL, in God. It is a graced effect of contemplation, which gradually transforms our way of seeing reality. This mystical vision is far from an esoteric or "misty" dream, for surely the survival of our planet depends on a universal realization of this unity and the interconnectedness of all peoples and of all the cosmos, in the one Love which is God.

"The Christian of the future will be a mystic, or he will not be a Christian at all"

-taken from TOO DEEP FOR WORDS by Thelma Hall, r.c.

Have a great week!

Fr. Keith

**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 prebaptism 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.

# PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PREPARATION

#### PREP

We invite you to pray for our students and their families during this PREP year.

#### FAMILY PREP/CATECHESIS

#### Family PREP/Catechesis Classes

Family PREP/Catechesis Classes are held monthly on the second Sunday of the month at 9am in St. Anthony School. Next Family PREP/Catechesis Session is on **February 9th**.

#### **Children's Liturgy**

We would like to welcome & invite all families to join us for our Children's Liturgy on **February 9th at 10:30am**. During the Children's Liturgy, our music & the homily will be directed toward our children, encouraging them to sing, to listen, and ponder God.



#### ADDITIONALANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer for our PRE

Lord our God, in your wisdom and love, you surround us with the mysteries of the universe.

Send your Spirit upon these students and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies and draw ever closer to you, the source of all knowledge.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

	READINGS	
Monday 20	Hebrews 5 Mark 2	1-10 18-22
Tuesday 21	Hebrews 6 Mark 2	10-20 23-28
Wednesday 22	Hebrews7 Mark3	1-3, 15-17 1-6
Thursday 23	Hebrews7 Mark3	25 - 8:6 7-12
Friday 24	Hebrews 8 Mark 3	6-13 13-19
Saturday 25	Acts 22 Mark 16	3-16 15-18
Sunday 26	Malachi 3 Hebrews 2 Luke 2	1-4 14-18 22-40

# **PARISH EVENTS**

#### **OUR LADY OF MERCY SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Sunday, February 23rd



\*\*\*We are looking for a few adults\*\*\*

who would be willing to help work the Spaghetti Dinner If you are interested, contact Kelly DeRaymond at bubbade85@ att.net or call Our Lady of Mercy Parish Office

# CANDLEMAS

February 2nd is feast of Candlemas, also known as the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ, and the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day it is a tradition to have candles blessed for the year. This year 2025 the feast falls on a Sunday. We will have the blessing of the candles at the beginning of Mass. (Sunday only) If you would like to participate, you may bring a candle from home to be blessed or there will be candles available for purchase in the vestibule of the church at the cost of \$3.00 per candle.

### **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

If you have lost a loved one through death and feel a need support on your grief journey, join us each Thursday from March 6 to April 10, 1:30-3:00 P.M., at OLOM Parish Center. To register, please call St. Anthony's 610-253-7188 or Our Lady of Mercy 610-252-7381.

# NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE BUS TRIP



Friday, January 24th leaving Saint Jane Frances De Chantal 7:30 AM. Cost \$20.00 OLOM Pro-Life Group will reimburse parishioners for the cost of the seat. Please see the Community Section in the bulletin for more information.

# 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 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 hard working 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 you to help us 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

# EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

"The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration." -Pope St John Paul II

# JOIN US FOR OUR PARISH MISSION



March 9th 10th and 11th held at Our Lady of Mercy.

We will begin each night at 7:00 PM. We are pleased to announce Father Luke Mary Fletcher, CFR, of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will be the speaker each evening. Father Luke is currently serving at the Blue Army Shrine in Washington, NJ. More information to follow.

# SUNDAY SAUCE COOK-OFF



St. Anthony's Holy Name Society Presents: Sunday Sauce Cook-off, Sunday, February 2nd, 2025 12:00pm -3:00pm at St. Anthony's Parish Center 900 Washington St \$15 Entry includes: Pasta with all contestant's sauce, salad, bread, water, and soda. Cash bar will be available. The Holy Name is looking for contestants to make sauce for the contest. If interested in cooking sauce for the contest please contact the parish center or Angelo DeRaymond at angeloderaymond@gmail.com

# JANUARY IS NATIONAL POVERTY AWARENESS MONTH

Poverty is not a catchphrase—it is a serious reality that many people are living. Our faith challenges us to respond to those who are most vulnerable. You have accomplished this by donating to the Easton Area Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and we are grateful for your continued generosity as you help us feed our neighbors. During the past year, you donated 1,356 pounds of food to the pantry. Your monetary donations helped us purchase additional food and diapers for our families. Our thanks go out to Father Keith and St. Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy Parishes. Your support helps us continue to exist. We wish you all a very holy, happy, healthy and peaceful New Year. Any questions, please contact Dennis or Ellen Potter at 610-253-0814 or dgpelp@rcn.com

rayer for Vocations

O God, who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech You, through the intercession of Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, Saint Joseph, her spouse, St. Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of laborers for your Church, fellow laborers with Christ, to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

# **ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH LIFE**

# MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday, January 19</b> Kate Henshaw	10:30 am
<b>Tuesday, January 21</b> Mary Weiland	8:00am
<b>Thursday, January 23</b> Those Enrolled in the Memorial Fund	8:00 am
<b>Saturday, January 25</b> The 76th wedding anniversary of Margaret and Dominick DeBona	4:30 pm
<b>Sunday, January 26</b> Carmelo Lisinicchia	10:30am

#### **CANDLE INTENTIONS**

Sanctuary Candle (Church): Father Keith Laskowski

Sanctuary Candle (Chapel): Father James Chalangadi

Blessed Mother: Rose Allshouse

Saint Joseph: Jim Allshouse

Saint Anthony: Deacon James Wallaesa

St. Placido: Deceased Members of the San Placido Society

Saint Jude: Joe Fink

Blessed Mother Grotto: Karina Severino

Padre Pio: All Volunteers

#### St. Ann: Deacon Jose Santos

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE			
SATURDAY	JANUAR	Y 25	4:30 PM
SACRISTAN LECTOR E.MINISTERS SERVERS CANTORS	J. Kavcak J. DiGangi J. Reidda M. Vacaro	J. Bast G. Vacaro	J. Piagesi
SUNDAY	JANUAR	Y 26	10:30 AM
SACRISTAN LECTOR E.MINISTERS SERVERS CANTORS	J. Allshouse G. Buffone P. Smith J. De Leon C. DeRaymor	C. Minotti M. Azzolina nd	R. Allshouse

#### 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

January 12th: \$5,880.00

#### PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

Contact Valerie: luvstowrite2003@yahoo.com

### **HOAGIE COUPONS**

The choir is selling a local favorite for \$10 in time for Super Bowl! Hoagie coupons for Noto's cold hoagies still a bargain at \$10(cash or check)will be on sale after Masses 1/25 until we sell out.

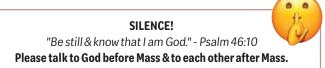
### COFFEE & THE WORD

Join us for Coffee and the Word on Tuesday mornings at the Gathering Place! We begin arriving following the 8 AM Mass (8:30 AM) for beverages and fellowship. The study begins at 9 AM where we delve into the readings for the coming Sunday liturgy. If you have any questions, contact Valerie at 484-264-3481 or leave a message at the Parish Center.



# **BACKPACK PALS DONATION**

Backpack Pals Donation of unsweetened applesauce (6 pack) begins inSeptember. Our participation helps needy students and their families withfood insecurities existing in the Easton School District. We are grateful for the support shown in the past from our parish and look forward to another successful and generous school year. Look for the blue collection bin in the vestibule next to the doors. Thank you!



# **OUR LADY OF MERCY'S PARISH LIFE**

MASS INTENTIONS		STEWARDSHIP
Sunday, January 19		You may make donations directly to Our Lady of Mercy onlin
Steve Wallo	8:00 am	www.olomercy.com or use your weekly offering envelopes.
RuthJones		December 22: \$
		December 22. ¢
Father Keith	12:00pm (Spanish)	MASS INTENTIONS
Father James		
Juan Jose Compres		Our deceased loved ones benefit from the prayers offered c
Manday January 20		Mass. If you would like to have a Mass said for one of your far
Monday, January 20	0.00 am	members or friends, please call the parish office 610-252-73
Deceased Members of the Fleck Family	8:00 am	stop in during our office hours. The requested donation is \$
Wednesday, January 22		Please remember in your prayers <b>Stephen Wallo</b> wh
All Deceased Priests	12:10pm	was recently enrolled in the Memorial and Endowme
An Deceased Thesis	.=	Society. He and all those enrolled will be remembere
		Mass on the First Friday of each month.
Martines-Munoz Family	7:00 pm	
Alejandro Martinez Birthday		
		Month at a Glance
Friday, January 24		
Sean Anthony Toohey	8:00am	Knitting Group – 1:00 PM Tuesday weekly
		Tuesday Book Study – 7:00 PM weekly Zoom
		To join, Contact the Parish Office
		Sunday Book Study - 9:00 AM weekly in the Social Hall
Sunday, January 26		<b>Divine Mercy Cenacle –</b> 7:00 PM Monday, January 27th <b>Pro-Life Group-</b> 7:00 PM Tuesday, February 18th
Nancy Lazzara	8:00 am	Women's Guild – 1:30 PM Thursday, January 23rd
		PAX -DEI Holy Hour – 6:00 PM Friday weekly
	12:00pm (Spanish)	Safe Harbor Meal – Tuesday, January 28th
Padre Jose Giraldo Vonegoe		To help, please contact the Parish
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#### CANDLE & FLOWER INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candle: Marie Fleck

Saint Joseph Candle: Michael Kenneth Gallego

Flowers: People of the Parish

#### OFFICE HOURS

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE				
SUNDAY	JANUARY 26	8:00 AM		
LECTOR E. MINISTERS GREETER	Nancy Schuable Carina Schaffer Val Lutz			
MONDAY	JANUARY 27			
COUNTERS	Larry & Pat Bleam and Jeanne Young			

# MEMORIAL AND ENDOWMENT SOCIETY

Each month the First Friday Mass is offered for those enrolled in the Memorial and Endowment Society. If you would like to enroll a loved one, please contact the parish office. A onetime offering of \$25.00 may be made in their name and they will be remembered on the First Friday of each month.

Saint Monica Ministry Holy Hour - 8:30 AM Saturday, February 1, 2025

# **KNITTING MINISTRY**



A total of 142 knitted and crocheted items were donated to the parishioners of OLOM, Stuff the Bus, Nursing Homes, Lily's Hope and Chemo Bags. All Knitters and crocheters are welcome to join us. We meet on Tuesday afternoons. For additional information please contact the parish office.

# WOULD YOU LIKE TO REMEMBER A LOVED ONE AT MASS?

The votive candles by the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph Statues are a great way to remember a loved one. The candles will burn for one week and the name of your loved one will be printed in the bulletin. The donation is \$5.00. Please call the office to schedule your dates! 610-252-7381.

# **COMUNIDAD HISPANA**

#### **ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR**

Un antiguo rabino preguntó una vez a sus alumnos cómo podían saber cuándo había terminado la noche y volvía el día. «¿Podría ser», preguntó un alumno, "cuando puedes ver un animal a lo lejos y saber si es una oveja o un perro?". «No», respondió el rabino. «¿Podría ser», preguntó otro, "cuando puedes ver un árbol a lo lejos y saber si es una higuera o un melocotonero?". «No», respondió el rabino. «Entonces, ¿qué es?», preguntaron sus alumnos. «Es cuando miras a la cara de cualquier mujer u hombre y ves que ella o él es tu hermana o hermano. Porque si no puedes hacerlo, da igual la hora que sea, sigue siendo de noche».

Ver a cada mujer y a cada hombre como hermana y hermano es participar en la visión fiel del místico, cuya intuición central es la unidad y la unicidad de TODO, en Dios. Es un efecto de gracia de la contemplación, que transforma gradualmente nuestra manera de ver la realidad. Esta visión mística está lejos de ser un sueño esotérico o «brumoso», pues ciertamente la supervivencia de nuestro planeta depende de una realización universal de esta unidad y de la interconexión de todos los pueblos y de todo el cosmos, en el único Amor que es Dios.

«El cristiano del futuro será un místico, o no será cristiano en absoluto»

-tomado de TOO DEEP FOR WORDS de Thelma Hall, r.c.

iQue tengan una buena semana!

P. Keith

"la unidad y la unicidad de TODO, en Dios"

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. Karina Severino.

NOTICIAS



#### LA CAMPAÑA ANUAL 2024 PORQUE SOMOS CATÓLICOS

iLa Campaña Anual 2024 Porque Somos Católicos ya está en marcha! Nuestro apoyo parroquial es una parte vital de este esfuerzo diocesano para servir a los niños y a las familias en nuestra propia comunidad y a lo largo de toda la Diócesis de Allentown. www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org. iGracias!

#### DONACIONES LAS FLORES DEL ALTAR



Las flores embellecen nuestro espacio sagrado de

nuestra iglesia y son un regalo para Dios y quienes asisten la Misa. Las flores en el Santuario pueden marcar aniversarios, el nacimiento de un hijo, un matrimonio, bautismo, fallecimiento, o pueden usarse como expresión de alegría y donación en cualquier momento. Se hará un anuncio en la Misas del fin de semana señalando el memorial o ocasión por el cual. Actualmente la donación es de \$60. Si desea donar flores, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial para reservar la fecha.

### 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 e 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 Sacramentó 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 a bendición del ministro ordenando bendiciendo a los fieles con el Santísimo Sacramento.

#### 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.

# THE DIOCESE AND COMMUNITY

#### NATIONAL RIGHT FOR LIFE MARCH BUS TRIP

DATE: Friday, January 24th

DEPARTURE TIME: 7:30 am - PLEASE ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 7:15 am

DEPARTURE LOCATION: St Jane Frances De Chantal Catholic Church - There is a 6:30am mass at St. Jane's.

DONATION: \$20.00 PER RIDER – PLEASE PAY IN ADVANCE TO HOLD A SEAT - Make Payment to Sacred Heart Church AND Mail to: Andrew Azan 3rd - PO Box 3278 - Bethlehem, PA 18017

COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS: I will look for a sponsor for these and we can enjoy this after mass MEALS and REST STOPS: We will make 1 rest stop on way down to DC and 1 rest stop on the way back. If you want to eat lunch or dinner, please either brown bag or arrive back early at Union Bus Station.

DEPARTURE: 5:00 pm Union Station



#### SACRED HEART COMMUNTLY BREAKFAST

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Bath, Pa. and Knights of Columbus 14464 will be sponsoring a Community Breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025. All of your favorites will be offered along with the monthly special of Potato Pancakes. Adults \$11.00, children 5.00, under 6 free. Church Basement 117 Washington St. Bath, Pa. 7 to 11 a.m.



# A SIMPLE ACT OF CARE FOR 2025

As we pause and reflect on our blessings after the holidays and a busy winter season ahead, the Diocese of Allentown invites you to show simple act of care to yourself, your loved ones creating your will. In thanks for your support, we partner with FreeWill so you can make a will and find peace of mind for the year ahead. It's completely free to use and takes as little as 20 minutes.

Please scan the QR code or visit https:// allentowndiocese.mygiftlegacy.org/ to get started.





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