



OUR LADY OF MERCY

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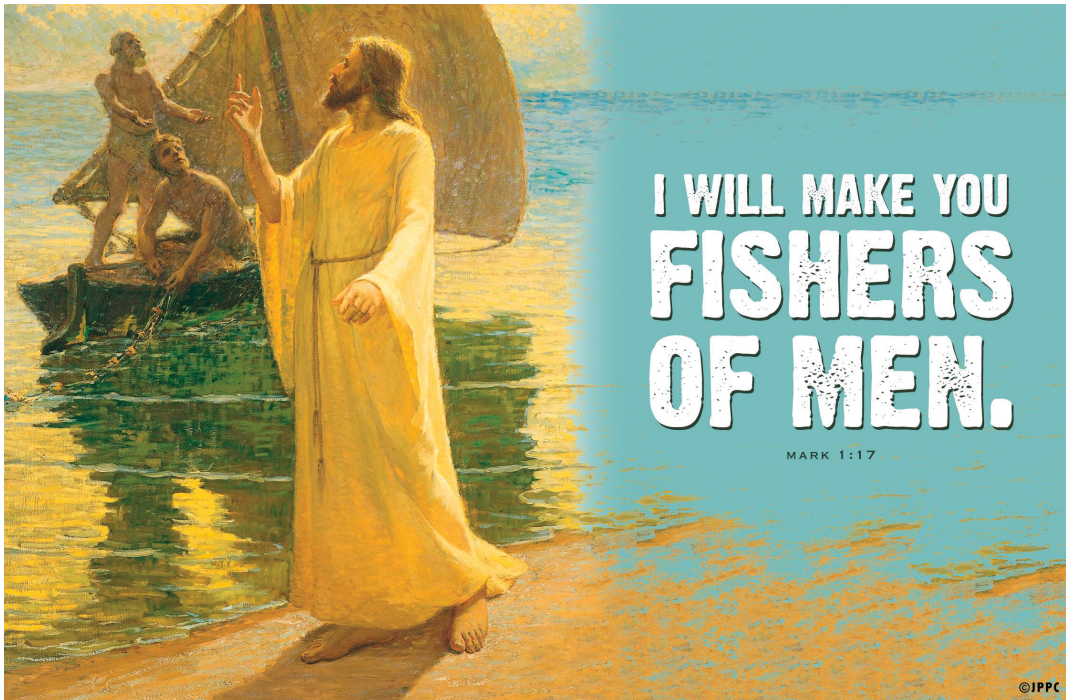
CLERGY

Rev. Keith Laskowski, Pastor
Rev. Elias D. Munyaneza, AJ, Hospital Chaplain
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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.allentowndiocese.org

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

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PASTOR'S NOTES

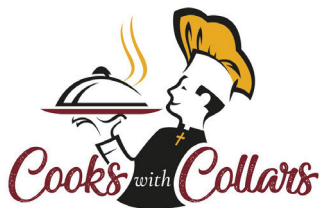
COOKS WITH COLLARS

2024

Fr. Keith will represent St. Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy in COOKS WITH COLLARS, an online cooking competition to raise funds for parishes and Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Allentown.

Visit www.cookswithcollars.com to see Fr. Keith and your other favorite priests from around the Diocese creating delicious kitchen concoctions. Vote early and vote often (deadline February 12) for our Diocesan top chef! All voting proceeds benefit our parish.

Thanks for making Fr. Keith and St. Anthony or Our Lady of Mercy a winner!



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



Souper Bowl of Caring - Super Bowl Sunday Weekend
After all masses the weekend of February 10th & 11th, our Parish will be joining other parishes across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting.

All money collected will go directly to St. Vincent DePaul, ProJeCt of Easton Food Bank, and SafeHarbor.

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

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

The Collection totaled over 1530 pounds of food.
At least 67 families participated.
Many people will be fed, due to your efforts.

PARISH EVENTS

READINGS

Monday 22	2 Samuel 5 Mark 3	1-7, 10 22-30
Tuesday 23	2 Samuel 6 Mark 3	2b-15, 17-19 31-35
Wednesday 24	2 Samuel 7 Mark 4	4-17 1-20
Thursday 25	Acts 22 Mark 16	3-16 15-18
Friday 26	2 Timothy 1 Mark 4	1-8 26-34
Saturday 27	2 Samuel 12 Mark 4	1-7a, 10-17 35-41
Sunday 28	Deuteronomy 18 1 Corinthians 7 Mark 1	15-20 32-35 21-28



BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study will be postponed to the Summer months to make way for our Lenten Book Study.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY

Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center
February 11th – March 24th & April 7th
9:00 – 10:15 AM

"A Lenten Journey with Mother Mary"

Let the Blessed Mother lead your way!
Join us for coffee and discussion,
as we walk through Lent together!

Order your book or we can order one for you.
Sign up in the rear of the church or call the office 610-252-7381

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The Eucharistic Prayer is the heart of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. In this prayer, the celebrant acts in the person of Christ as head of his body, the Church. He gathers not only the bread and the wine, but the substance of our lives and joins them to Christ's perfect sacrifice, offering them to the Father.

The Eucharistic Prayers make clear that these prayers are offered, not to Christ, but to the Father. It is worship offered to the Father by Christ as it was at the moment of his passion, death and resurrection, but now it is offered through the priest acting in the person of Christ, and it is offered as well by all of the baptized, who are part of Christ's Body, the Church. This is the action of Christ's Body, the Church at Mass.

The priest offers the Eucharistic Prayer in the first person plural, for example, "Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you..." This "we" signifies that all the baptized present at the Eucharistic celebration make the sacrificial offering in union with Christ, and pray the Eucharistic Prayer in union with him. And what is most important, we do not offer Christ alone; we are called to offer ourselves, our lives, our individual efforts to grow more like Christ and our efforts as a community of believers to spread God's Word and to serve God's people, to the Father in union with Christ through the hands of the priest. Most wonderful of all, although our offering is in itself imperfect, joined with the offering of Christ it becomes perfect praise and thanksgiving to the Father.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES DISPLAY

The Eucharistic Miracles Display is a traveling museum-like exhibition featuring the Eucharistic Miracles as chronicled by Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991-2006).

Blessed Carlo was a teenager from Italy who developed a website dedicated to the documented and scientifically scrutinized occasions when the Holy Eucharist changed in its physical appearance, reminding us that the bread and wine of the Mass truly become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Eucharistic Miracles Display will be on hosted by Our Lady of Mercy on Saturday, March 2nd from 3:00 – 6:30 PM and Sunday, March 3rd from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. All are welcome!

You are encouraged to pray the Novena to Blessed Carlo Acutis as a supplement to visiting the display. Copies can be found in the rear of the Church.

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.



ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH LIFE

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 23	NO MASS
Thursday, January 25	8:30 am
Angelo LaDuca 1st Anniversary John L. Boscia	
Saturday, January 27	4:30 pm
Rosemarie Sortino	
Sunday, January 28	10:30am
Rosemary DeMenno	

CANDLE INTENTIONS

- St. Placido: Deceased Members of the San Placido Society
- St. Joseph: Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Oieni
- St. Jude: In thanksgiving for graces received
- Sanctuary (Church): Steven DeRaymond 21st Anniversary

Church (rack) Candles \$3.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY	JANUARY 27	4:30 PM
SACRISTAN	J. Kavcak	
LECTOR	K. Bast	
E. MINISTERS	L. Fowler	J. Bast P. Titus
SERVERS	M. Titus	M. Murgia
CANTORS	V. Hollingsworth	

SUNDAY	JANUARY 28	10:30 AM
SACRISTAN	J. Allshouse	
LECTOR	P. Smith	
E. MINISTERS	J. Gensheimer	C. Minotti R. Allshouse
SERVERS	T & J Diaz	N & A Diaz
CANTORS	C. DeRaymond	

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 January 14th: Not available at the time of publication

Recently Deceased

Angelo Insalaca

Thomas Gazzana

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 21st Reflection

“Come after Me and I will make you fishers of men.” I happen to love that line. I love proclaiming it to you. Why? Because it captures something special. It is a trait of Our Lord that the gospel writers usually don’t refer to, and that is Jesus’ sense of humor. That helps round out His personality and makes Him attractive. For so He is and always will be.

But here and now, let us focus on those first three words He says, namely “Come after Me.” There is no word play here, but a serious call addressed not only to the men on that long ago seaside but also to us. In plain terms, with little “play” present, just what prevents us from doing what Jesus asks? Or pretending we didn’t hear what He said? Coming after Him ultimately means not going after other realities. And we get a little nervous. Why?

If we are honest with ourselves, we usually go after other things. We might say one or the other of the “Big Three,” namely: “Wealth, Honor and Fame.” Sometimes it’s a combination of those. Or a subdivision like greed. Anything but going after Jesus. So here and now, as we begin this third week of a new year, it would be a good “play” to go with Jesus for a welcome change.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 21

Mary T Klein

8:00 am

Caudencio Martinez - Birthday

12:00pm

Monday, January 22

Meinardo R. Santos Sr.

8:00 am

Wednesday, January 24

12:10 pm

Rosa Haydee Ruiz-DeWong

7:00 pm (Spanish)

Friday, January 26

Robert Bechtel

8:00am

Sunday, January 28

Mary T Klein

8:00 am

Pedro Jose Giraldo Vanegas
– 30th Anniversary

12:00pm (Spanish)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY JANUARY 28 8:00 AM

LECTOR

Pat Clarke

E. MINISTERS

Amy Robinson

GREETER

Mike Seksinsky

MONDAY

JANUARY 29

COUNTERS

Ruth DeLong – Ana Cabrera –
Jeanne Young

STEWARDSHIP

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

January Budgeted: \$6,875.00

Actual: January 7th: \$5,361.26

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

DIVINE MERCY CENACLE

The Divine Mercy Cenacle will be meeting on Monday, January 22 at 7:00 PM in Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center. All are welcome.



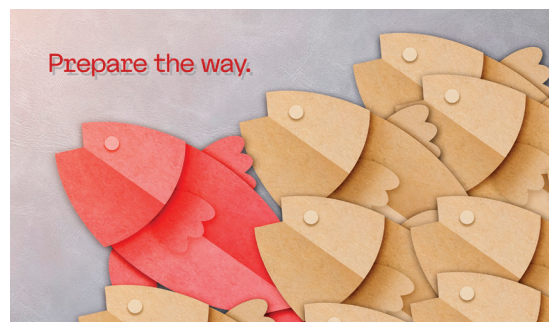
SAFE HARBOR

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.

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

Please Join us for our monthly Saint Monica Holy Hour and Fellowship.

Saturday, February 3rd Mass will be at 8:00 AM followed by Adoration, Rosary and prayers for our loved ones who have wandered away from the Church and the Eucharist.



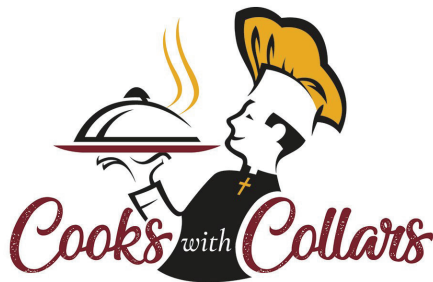
COMUNIDAD HISPANA

ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR

COCINEROS CLERICALES

2024

¡Padre Keith necesita su ayuda!
Padre Keith representará
Nuestra Señora de la Merced en COCINEROS CLERICALES,
un concurso de cocina online para aumentar los fondos
para nuestras parroquias y Caridades Católicas
en la Diócesis de Allentown.
Visite www.cookswithcollars.com para ver a
Padre Keith y Dec. Miguel
y otros sacerdotes de toda la Diócesis creando
deliciosos platillos de cocina.
¡No se demore en votar y vote todas las veces que pueda
para elegir a nuestro mejor chef diocesano!
La fecha límite es el 12 de febrero
Todas las ganancias de la votación beneficiaran
a nuestra parroquia.
¡Gracias por hacer Padre Keith y Dec. Miguel de
Nuestra Señora de la Merced un ganador!



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

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@stfrancisetreathouse.org.

A TIME FOR PRAYER

As the festive glow of Christmas lingers, let's embark on an inspiring journey towards Lent and Easter. The year 2024, under the guidance of Pope Francis, has been declared a year dedicated to deepening our connection with prayer.

We're thrilled to invite you to a transformative experience this year's Lenten Morning of Reflection, "A Time for Prayer." It's not just an event; it's an opportunity to enrich your spiritual journey.

Mark Your Calendars!

DATE: Saturday, March 2nd, 2024

TIME: 9:00am - 11:30am

PLACE: St. Jane De Chantal Parish
4049 Hartley Avenue

**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.

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.

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