



OUR LADY OF MERCY

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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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PASTOR'S NOTES

The Allentown Diocese has received a grant to participate in **Next Generation Parish** sponsored by the Catholic Leadership Institute. The **Next Generation Parish** experience will provide the pastor and his community with the opportunity to assess its greatest opportunities and strengths, develop a plan to move into the future, and most importantly cultivate a deeper missionary spirit throughout the community.

As a first step, St. Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy will be participating in a parish survey known as the Disciple Maker Index (DMI). The results will help us make data-driven decisions to help our parishes grow in their faith. We need your help!

Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online.

The survey can be accessed through an online link from **February 14 - March 31, 2024** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish. These results will help us to plan for future events.

If you prefer a paper copy you may pick up a paper copy of the survey after daily and Sunday Masses. They will be located **in the back of the Church**. To submit the completed paper survey, please drop off at the Parish Office or in the Collection basket. To make special arrangements for getting a paper copy, please contact Deacon Miguel Ramierz at the parish office.

Thank you for helping with this important project!

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.

FAMILY PREP

Classes are held monthly on the second Sunday of the month.

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

Classes are dismissed at 10:10 A.M.

Our next session will be on Sunday, February 11th.

We would like to welcome and invite ALL FAMILIES to join us for our **Children's Liturgy on Sunday, February 11th at 10:30 am Mass**. During these Children's Liturgies, our music & the homily will be directed toward our children.



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

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SAVE THE DATE!

Our Lady of Mercy Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, February 25th
Snowdate – Sunday, March 3rd



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.

PARISH EVENTS

READINGS

Monday 29	2 Samuel 15 Mark 5	13-14, 30, 16; 5-13 1-20
Tuesday 30	2 Samuel 18 Mark 5	9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 21-43
Wednesday 31	2 Samuel 24 Mark 6	2, 9-17 1-6
Thursday 1	1 Kings 2 Mark 6	1-4, 10-12 7-13
Friday 2	Malachi 3 Luke 2	1-4 22-40
Saturday 3	1 Kings 3 Mark 6	4-13 30-34
Sunday 4	Job 7 1 Corinthians 9 Mark 1	1-4, 6-7 16-19, 22-23 29-39

WE ARE GRATEFUL

January is National Poverty Awareness Month. It is a serious reality that over 37 million people live below the poverty line in the United States. The Easton Area Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry thanks you for your continued generosity as you help us feed our neighbors. During 2023, you donated 3,411 pounds of food which included 1,530 pounds that were donated by families who participated in the Reverse Advent Calendar Food Drive. At this time, our greatest needs are for spaghetti sauce, jelly, oatmeal and canned fruit and vegetables. Your monetary contributions helped to make it possible to buy extra food and diapers for our families. The Food Pantry would not exist without the kind and generous support of Father Keith and St. Anthony's and Our Lady of Mercy Parishes. Any questions, please contact Dennis or Ellen Potter at 610-253-0814 or dgpelp@rcn.com

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

"Always remain close to the Catholic Church, because it alone can give you true peace, since it alone possesses Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, the true Prince of Peace."

-Saint Padre Pio



PRO-LIFE MEETING

Our monthly Pro-Life meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20th at 7:30 PM at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center. All are welcome.

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 30 NO MASS

Thursday, February 1 8:30 am
Mary B. Spagnola 24th Anniversary

Saturday, February 3 4:30 pm
Flippa Mammana 1st Anniversary
Santo Calabrese 1st Anniversary

Sunday, February 4 10:30am
Santa Mowad
Anthony Mowad

CANDLE INTENTIONS

St. Placido: Deceased Members of the San Placido Society

Sanctuary (Chapel): The Deceased Members of the Bosco & Organetti Family

Church (rack) Candles \$3.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY		FEBRUARY 3		4:30 PM
SACRISTAN	J. Donofrio			
LECTOR	M. Hollingsworth			
E. MINISTERS	M. Nicolosi	J. Reidda	P. Titus	
SERVERS	M. Titus	A. Fink		
CANTORS	V. Hollingsworth			

SUNDAY		FEBRUARY 4		10:30 AM
SACRISTAN	C. Minotti			
LECTOR	J. Azzalina			
E. MINISTERS	M. Azzalina	J. Kavcak	V. Presto	
SERVERS	D. Azzolina	J. De Leon		
CANTORS	M. 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 January 14th: \$6,858.00

Weekly January 21st: \$5,565.00

Recently Deceased

Angelo Insalaca
Thomas Gazzana

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

Contact Valerie:
luvstowrite2003@yahoo.com

HOLY NAME MAN OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to **Bob Corona** for being named this year's Holy Name Man of the Year!

CHOIR NUTROLL SALE

Order forms are coming soon! Nutrolls sell for \$17 (cash or check). Pick up after Masses on Palm Sunday weekend. Orders must be in by March 6. All varieties are available and listed on order form. Thank you for supporting the Choir.



January 28th Reflection

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

A penetrating question for our confused times arises: "Do we dare question Christ's authority?" "Doubt His teaching on any number of subjects just because they are not fashionable right now?" "Ignore the interpretation given to them by the Church He founded and which He promised to abide by?" Those questions we must ask ourselves because all around us are people whom we might otherwise consider "nice" but who have decided to answer "Yes." Two thousand plus years ago people called "pagans" couldn't or wouldn't agree with Jesus. Today's contemporary atheists make the same response.

It is a good and healthy exercise for our spiritual well-being to reflect on today's Gospel passage to note how quickly evil spirits had to flee in obedience to Christ's command. This is our solace when temptations of all kinds come to haunt us.

Meanwhile, we can add in how Christ works His authoritative message into our world. St. Teresa of Avila gives us the answer:

"Christ has no body on earth but yours; No hands but yours; No feet but yours; Yours are the eyes through which He is to look out Christ's compassion to the world; Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good; Yours the hands with which He is to bless now."

OUR LADY OF MERCY'S PARISH LIFE

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 28

The Souls in Purgatory 8:00 am

Pedro Jose Giraldo Vanegas 12:00pm (Spanish)
– 30th Anniversary

Felisbela P. Afonso

Monday, January 29

Marvin Malik 8:00 am
Mary Watras

Wednesday, January 31

The Priests in our Diocese 12:10 pm

Almos del Pulgatorio 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Accion de Gracias

Friday, February 2

Those enrolled in the Memorial
and Endowment Society

Isabel Amoyo

Saturday, February 3

Souls in Purgatory 8:00 am

Sunday, February 4

Parishioners with a February Birthday 8:00 am
Mary T Klein

Julia Nieves 12:00pm (Spanish)
Nicole Henao Ruiz

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY **FEBRUARY 4** **8:00 AM**

LECTOR Frank Hogan
E. MINISTERS Pat Clarke
GREETER Karen Corpora

MONDAY **FEBRUARY 5**

COUNTERS Larry & Pat Bleam and Ruth DeLong

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 14th: \$6,574.38

MASS INTENTIONS

Our deceased loved ones benefit from the prayers offered during Mass. If you would like to have a Mass said for one of your family members or friends, please call the parish office 610-252-7381 or stop in during our office hours. The requested donation is \$10.00.

OFFICE HOURS

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

WOMENS GUILD MEETING

Our monthly Women Guild meeting will be held on Thursday, February 22nd at 1:30 PM at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center. New Members are always welcome.

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.

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS (20-35)

We often find ourselves inundated by distractions, obligations, and notifications. As a result, many of us feel restless and without peace. We invite you to take some time to turn your heart towards God, the very source of peace and every good gift.

Join us on Friday evenings 6:00 - 8:00 PM at Our Lady of Mercy Pray and rest for a while during Adoration followed by refreshments and friendly conversation.

OUR DOORS ARE OPEN

All wishing to visit for private prayer are welcome to stop by Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

For access to the church, please ring the parish office bell.



COMUNIDAD HISPANA

ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR

La diócesis de Allentown ha recibido una subvención para participar en Next Generation Parish, patrocinado por el Catholic Leadership Institute. La experiencia de la Próxima Generación Parroquial proporcionará al párroco y a su comunidad la oportunidad de evaluar sus mayores oportunidades y puntos fuertes, desarrollar un plan para avanzar hacia el futuro y, lo que es más importante, cultivar un espíritu misionero más profundo en toda la comunidad.

Como primer paso, San Antonio y Nuestra Señora de la Misericordia participarán en una encuesta parroquial conocida como el Disciple Maker Index (DMI). Los resultados nos ayudarán a tomar decisiones basadas en datos para ayudar a nuestras parroquias a crecer en su fe. Necesitamos su ayuda.

Por favor ayúdenos participando en una encuesta en línea de 10-15 minutos. La encuesta se puede acceder a través de un enlace en línea del 14 de febrero al 31 de marzo de 2024 y le pedirá que reflexione sobre su propio crecimiento espiritual y le permitirá proporcionar retroalimentación sobre los esfuerzos de nuestra parroquia para ayudarle a crecer. Todas las respuestas serán confidenciales y la parroquia sólo recibirá información sobre la comunidad en su conjunto. Compartiremos el enlace con ustedes un poco más cerca del lanzamiento de la encuesta.

Estamos intentando obtener el mayor índice de respuesta posible. Recibiremos los resultados esta primavera/verano, momento en el que compartiremos lo que hemos aprendido con toda la parroquia. Estos resultados nos ayudarán a planificar futuros eventos.

Si prefiere una copia en papel, puede recoger una copia de la encuesta después de las misas diarias y dominicales. Estarán situadas en la parte trasera de la Iglesia. Para entregar la encuesta completa en papel, por favor déjela en la Oficina Parroquial o en la canasta de la Colecta. Para hacer arreglos especiales para obtener una copia en papel, por favor contacte al Diacono Miguel Ramierz en la oficina parroquial.

¡Gracias por ayudar con este importante proyecto!



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 ABIERTAS

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.

EL MOVIMIENTO DE RETIROS PARROQUIALES DE JUAN XXIII

Habrà Retiro de Juan XXIII para caballeros. El retiro será el 1,2 y 3 de marzo, 2024. Por favor de comunicarse con la oficina parroquial para mas información.

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

**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.

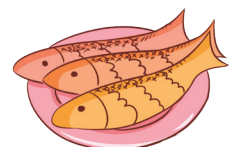
2024 LENTEN FISH DINNER -TAKE-OUT ONLY

Place your orders NOW, for Take-Out on Friday March 8, 2024

Once again, the Knights of Columbus Council 15682, of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Bethlehem, 1817 First St, Bethlehem, PA 18020 in (Miller Heights), will be hosting a "take-out only" Lenten Fish Dinner on Friday, March 8, 2024, with pick-up from 4:30-7:00 PM in Fr. King Hall, located in the church basement.

\$15 includes:

- Choice of Baked or Fried Fish Fillet
- Mixed Vegetables
- Fries
- Coleslaw
- Dinner Roll
- New England Clam Chowder
- Dessert
- Choice of Bottled Water, Iced Tea or Lemonade



Order deadline is Sunday, Feb 25.

Those placing orders are asked to select a preferred pickup time of either 4:30, 5:30 or 6:30 PM.

PROFITS BENEFIT LOCAL CHARITIES

Email KofC15682@gmail.com with questions or to request a .PDF order form.