5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 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

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PASTOR'S NOTES

Rolling out the Parish Vision 2025...

Over the last few years, have you recognized new faces in the pews at Sunday Mass? With the "twinning" of our two parishes, St. Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy has experienced an overlap of participants at the various Sunday Masses. I have also observed that we often have visitors visiting from out of town who come to our parishes. It is crucial that we deepen our awareness of our neighbor and make every person who enters our Church feel welcome. This welcome then extends into opportunities to grow as a community. So, this became the first priority of our Parish Vision. Please read and reflect on this priority. Is the Lord inviting you to participate in strengthening our welcome and hospitality? **Priority #1 Welcoming and Hospitality**

For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger, and you welcomed me. -Matthew 25: 35.

Statement

Hospitality within the parish extends beyond simply having ushers at Mass. It means creating a welcoming environment where people feel known and appreciated. This includes social gatherings, faith-sharing events, and intentional efforts to bridge the gap between English-speaking and Spanish-speaking communities. Hospitality is rooted in Scripture, where Christ teaches us to welcome the stranger and care for the marginalized. **Rationale**

In an increasingly disconnected world, people are yearning for community. The parish must serve as a place where all feel at home, whether they are lifelong members or newcomers. A culture of hospitality is foundational for building a vibrant, mission-driven parish where people want to belong. The focus on hospitality now, rather than other areas, is crucial for helping the parish grow and be seen as a welcoming environment that attracts people of all backgrounds.

SMART GOAL #1:

Develop and implement 2-4 welcoming initiatives at all parish Masses, ensuring at least 70% participation across all Masses by December 31, 2025.

SMART GOAL #2:

Develop and launch a minimum of three bilingual social events, such as potlucks, family gatherings, or faith sharing sessions with at least 50 participants, ensuring representation from both English speaking and Spanish speaking communities by December 31, 2025

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

There will be no PREP classes on Sunday, February 16th.

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.



Family PREP Classes Upcoming Dates:

February 9th March 9th April 13th May 18th

ADDITIONALANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer for our PREP

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

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

PARISH EVENTS

	READINGS	
Monday 10	Genesis 1 Mark 6	1-19 53-56
Tuesday 11	Genesis1 Mark7	20 - 2:4a 1-13
Wednesday 12	Genesis 2 Mark 7	4b-9, 15-17 14-23
Thursday 13	Genesis 2 Mark 7	18-25 24-30
Friday 14	Genesis 3 Mark 7	1-8 31-37
Saturday 15	Genesis 3 Mark 8	9-24 1-10
Sunday 16	Jeremiah 17 1 Corinthians 15 Luke 7	5-8 12, 16-20 17, 20-26

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.

WENEED YOUR OLD PALMS

Do you have old palms at home? We are collecting them in preparation for Ash Wednesday. Please deposit them in the container provided at the rear of the church. Thank you for your help!



Lord Jesus Christ, pierce my soul with your love so that

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

I may always long for you alone, who are the bread of angels and the fulfilment of the soul's deepest desires. May my heart always hunger for you, so that my soul may be filled with the sweetness of your presence." -St Bonaventure



CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN – UP

WEARETHINKING SPRING! Please remove all cemetery decorations by Sunday, March 16th Our clean-up team will begin cleaning at Gethsemane, Saint Anthony, Saint Joseph New and Saint Mary Magdalene Cemeteries on Monday, March 17th. Please remove all decorations you wish to keep. ALL ITEMS LEFT WILL BE DISCARDED.

OUR LADY OF MERCY SPAGHETTI DINNER

Sunday, February 23rd In the Our Lady of Mercy Church Hall 132 So. 5th Street Menu includes salad, bread, spaghetti, meatballs, and homemade desserts. Seating from 1:00-4:00 pm Cost: Adults \$12.00, Children (under 5) – Free Tickets will be sold at the script table and at the parish office. Checkout our QR Code to order online

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen and as servers. Please, contact the parish center if you are willing to help.

Donations Requested

Italian or Ranch Salad Dressing Bottles Parmesan Cheese # 9 Thin Spaghetti Homemade Desserts

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Join our team at St. Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy parishes We are looking for a selfless servant who goes above and beyond in their work and is a committed Catholic, who would like to join our parish staff. St. A and OLOM exist to create a community where people experience healing and joy that comes from a loving relationship with Jesus Christ. Specifically, we are looking for a business manager to be responsible for the financial aspects and management of 2 offices. This person must be kind and personable yet skilled in accounting, budgeting, and have experience managing personnel. This person plays a crucial part in our team by fulfilling the administrative and financial aspects of our parish. If you are interested in this position, please contact Fr. Keith Laskowski via email, info@olomercy.com and submit a resume. We will look forward to setting up an interview with you.

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH LIFE

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 9 John Titus Joe Vernaci 2nd Anniversary	10:30 am
Tuesday, February 11 Rose Possinger Pugelese Alfred Manento Sr.	8:00am
Thursday, February 13 All Those Enrolled in the Memorial Fund	8:00 am
Saturday, February 15 Raymond Gerbino 1st Anniversary	4:30 pm
Sunday, February 16 Gloria & Dominic Fimiano	10:30am

CANDLE INTENTIONS Blessed Mother: Frances Murgia St. Placido: Josephine Vacaro

St. Joseph: Deceased Members of the Victor S. Patti Family

St. Anthony: Adeline Gregorio

St. Ann: Kate Henshaw

Debbie Mitchell

Altar Flowers: Tom Gazzana

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY	FEBRUAI	RY15	4:30 PM
SACRISTAN LECTOR E.MINISTERS SERVERS CANTORS	J. Kavcak J. Piagesi M. Nicolosi M. Titus OLOM Music	P. Titus M. Murgia Ministry	J. Bast
SUNDAY	FEBRUA	RY16	10:30 AM
SACRISTAN LECTOR E.MINISTERS SERVERS CANTORS	C. Minotti P. Berger Sr. Donna T. Diaz M. Griffith	J. Allshouse J. Diaz	M. Gano

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

February 2: \$5,405.00

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

Contact Valerie: luvstowrite2003@yahoo.com

	In Sympathy	
Wer	emember the recently deceased & their loved	
	ones in prayer with sympathy & love.	
	Joseph M. Nunes	
	Raymond Bodisch	
	Josephine Merlo	
	Josephine Merlo	

COFFEE&THEWORD

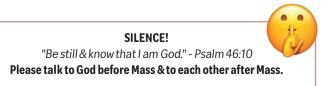
Join us for Coffee and the Word on Tuesday mornings at the Gathering Place! We begin arriving following the 8 AM Mass (8:30 AM) for beverages and fellowship. The study begins at 9 AM where we delve into the readings for the coming Sunday liturgy. If you have any questions, contact Valerie at 484-264-3481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

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.



or may be used as an expression of joy and thanksgiving at any time. An announcement will be made at the weekend Masses noting the memorial or occasion for the flowers. Currently the suggested donation is \$60. If you would like to donate flowers, please contact

LOOKING FOR MATERIALS TO INCREASE YOUR

Check out our Lighthouse Catholic Media bookshelves located in the rear of the church. For a small donation

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.

you will find many resources to enrich your spiritual growth. Books, CD's, Bibles, and Pamphlets.

the parish office to reserve your date.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO REMEMBER

PRAYER LIFETHIS LENT?

A LOVED ONE AT MASS?

OUR LADY OF MERCY'S PARISH LIFE

MASS INTENTIONS	S	STEWARDSHIP
Sunday, February 9 Parishioners with a February Birthday Joan Schrantz	8:00 am	You may make donations directly to Our Lady of Mercy onlin www.olomercy.com or use your weekly offering envelopes.
		January 26th: \$ 5,915.00
Pastor Antonio Mendez Renato Montiel	12:00pm (Spanish)	MASS INTENTIONS
Monday , February 10 For the Health of Robert Foose	8:00 am	Our deceased loved ones benefit from the prayers offered on If you would like to have a Mass said for one of your family marging friends, please call the parish office 610-252-7381 or stop in office hours. The requested donation is \$10.00.
Wednesday, February 12		Morth at a Glance
Paul & Catherine Willever	12:10pm	Knitting Group – 1:00 PM Tuesday weekly Tuesday Book Study – 7:00 PM weekly Zoom to join Contact Office – We are currently reading "A Father Who Keeps His F
Thanksgiving for blessings received	7:00 pm	Sunday Book Study - 9:00 AM weekly in the Social Hall - We reading "Why We're Catholic"
Friday, February 14 Rhady Tulloch Living Intention	8:00am	Divine Mercy Cenacle – 7:00 PM Monday, February 10th Pro-Life Group- 7:30 PM Tuesday, February 18th Women's Guild – 1:30 PM Thursday, February 20th PAX -DEI Holy Hour – 6:00 PM Friday weekly Safe Harbor Meal – Tuesday, February 25th and Monday, Mar to help please contact the Parish
Sunday, February 16		Saint Monica Ministry Holy Hour – 8:30 AM Saturday, March
Karla & Eliana Gutienez	8:00 am	DONATION OF ALTAR FLOWERS
Michael Alejandro Valencia-Vergara	12:00pm (Spanish)	Flowers beautify the sacred space of our church and are and those who attend Masses. Flowers in the sanctuary o mark anniversaries, the birth of a child, marriage, baptis

CANDLE & FLOWER INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candle: The People of the Parish

Saint Joseph Candle: Alejandro Zapata

Flowers: Father Keith

OFFICE HOURS

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

	LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE	
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY16	8:00 AM
LECTOR E. MINISTERS GREETER	Mike Seksinsky Amy Robinson Jeanne Young	
MONDAY	FEBRUARY17	
COUNTERS	Larry & Pat Bleam – Colleen Hill	

COMUNIDAD HISPANA

ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR

¿Te has dado cuenta de lo llena que está cada semana nuestra misa en español? Hemos visto muchas caras nuevas y nuevas familias. Es crucial que profundicemos en nuestra conciencia del prójimo y hagamos que cada persona que entra en nuestra Iglesia se sienta bienvenida. Esta acogida se traduce en oportunidades para crecer como comunidad. Por lo tanto, esto se convirtió en la primera prioridad de nuestra Visión Parroquial. Por favor, lee y reflexiona sobre esta prioridad. ¿Te invita el Señor a participar en el fortalecimiento de nuestra acogida y hospitalidad?

Prioridad #1 Acogida y Hospitalidad

Porque tuve hambre, y me diste de comer; tuve sed, y me diste de beber; era forastero, y me acogiste. -Mateo 25: 35.

Declaración

La hospitalidad en la parroquia va más allá de tener ujieres en misa. Significa crear un ambiente acogedor donde la gente se sienta conocida y apreciada. Esto incluye reuniones sociales, eventos para compartir la fe, y esfuerzos intencionales para cerrar la brecha entre las comunidades de habla inglesa y de habla hispana. La hospitalidad tiene sus raíces en las Escrituras, donde Cristo nos enseña a acoger al extranjero y a cuidar de los marginados.

Justificación

En un mundo cada vez más desconectado, la gente anhela la comunidad. La parroquia debe ser un lugar donde todos se sientan como en casa, ya sean miembros de toda la vida o recién llegados. Una cultura de hospitalidad es fundamental para construir una parroquia vibrante, impulsada por la misión, a la que la gente quiera pertenecer. Centrarse ahora en la hospitalidad, más que en otras áreas, es crucial para ayudar a la parroquia a crecer y ser vista como un entorno acogedor que atrae a personas de todos los orígenes.

META #1: Desarrollar e implementar de 2 a 4 iniciativas de bienvenida en todas las misas parroquiales, asegurando al menos un 70% de participación en todas las misas para el 31 de diciembre de 2025.

META #2: Desarrollar y poner en marcha un mínimo de tres eventos sociales bilingúes, tales como potlucks, reuniones familiares, o sesiones para compartir la fe con al menos 50 participantes, asegurando la representación de las comunidades de habla inglesa y de habla hispana para el 31 de diciembre de 2025

iQue tengan una gran semana! P. Keith

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.

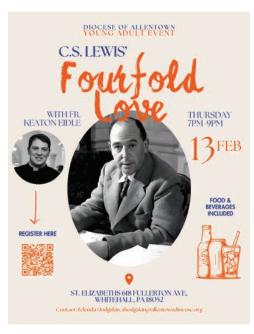
LA IMPORTANCIA DE LA ADORACION EUCARISTICA

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



CASH BINGO IS BACK!

February 16th at the Holy Family Parish Center, 508 W. Center Street, Nazareth. \$20 entry. 15 games with plenty of specials & 50/50 Raffle. Doors open at Noon; First Game at 12:45. Food available for purchase. See you there!

INCARNATION OF OUR LORD PARISH BETHLEHEM

Mardi Gras Bingo on Sunday, March 2, 2025. Held in LaBuda Hall Doors will open at 1:00pm, and bingo will start at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. The ticket includes 15 bingo games (on boards – you'll need chips) with cash prizes. Omaha Steaks Specials (5 separate games) food & beverages will be available for purchase.

ST. MONICA MINISTRY HOLY HOUR OF PETITION AND HOPE

St. Theresa Church, 1408 Easton Road, Hellertown Tuesday, February 11 at 6:00pm.

All are invited to bring their petitions before the Most Blessed Sacrament, invoking the particular intercession of St. Monica for their fallen-away loved ones. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, let us pray with renewed trust in Our Lord's mercy. For information, please email StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com

PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE CHAPTER

Pennsylvanians For Human Life Chapter will have their next meeting on Thursday, February 20 at 6:30pm at St. Anne's Parish in Bethlehem. All are welcome to attend to learn about our organization and enjoy fellowship.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD: A PLACE OF HEALING & HOPE

Are you struggling from an abortion? Whether you were pressured into an abortion, were unable to prevent a family member from having one, or you were a part of the abortion decision, this retreat will help you move beyond any guilt, shame or anger you have. Our weekend retreats are uniquely designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God in a safe, confidential, non-judgemental group environment. This weekend will help you find a new voice and transform the pain of the past into hope. Discover peace & healing.

Come to our Healing Weekend Retreat February 21-23, 2025 & June 27-29, 2025 Washington, NJ To register, or for more information, please contact Leah

at leah@soulfilledbygrace.co.site or 609-709-3479 Ana ana@soulfilledbygrace.co.site or 908-319-2950



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