6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



OUR LADY OF MERCY

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Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.

Luke 6:20

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

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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

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PASTOR'S NOTES

Are the Gospels reliable information about the life of Jesus Christ? Why must I go to a priest for Confession? Can't I go directly to God? How do the sacraments work? Why do the Church's rules appear restrictive? Are faith and science even compatible? How would you respond to someone who asked you these questions? Many people may have difficulty expressing why we believe something. This led to the development of Priority # 2. Please read and reflect on this priority. Is the Lord inviting you to participate in growing in your confidence explain your faith?

Confidence in explaining the Teaching of the Faith.

Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope. -1 Peter 3:15.

Statement

This priority focuses on equipping parishioners with the knowledge and confidence to clearly articulate the core teachings of the Catholic faith. It emphasizes going "back to basics," covering key areas such as the meaning of the Mass, the importance of Reconciliation, and answering fundamental questions like "Why do we do what we do as Catholics?" It also involves making use of modern resources and technology to aid in catechesis.

Rationale

In today's culture, many Catholics find it difficult to explain the reasons behind their faith when asked. There is an assumption that people know more about their faith than they actually do, leaving gaps in understanding. Addressing this priority is crucial in forming intentional disciples who are prepared to live and share their faith confidently. Given the growing secularization of society, this priority takes precedence because it helps Catholics engage thoughtfully with their faith, especially when challenged or questioned.

SMART GOAL #1:

Increase parish engagement with the FORMED platform by ensuring at least 50% of parishioners register and actively use the resource to explore topics of the Catholic Faith by December 31, 2026.

SMART GOAL #2:

Organize and conduct adult Catholicism 101 sessions on a quarterly basis (4 classes per year), focusing on essential topics of the Catholic Faith with a minimum of 25 participants attending each session by December 31, 2026.

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 March 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:

March 9th April 13th May 18th

ADDITIONALANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer for our PREP Students

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

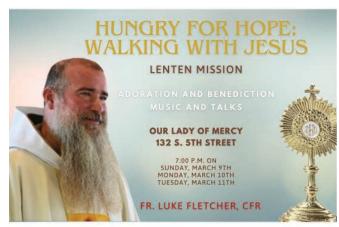
READINGS						
Monday 17	Genesis 4 Mark 8	1-15, 25 11-13				
Tuesday 18	Genesis 6 Mark 8	5-8, 7: 1-5, 10 14-21				
Wednesday 19	Genesis 8 Mark 8	6-13, 20-22 22-26				
Thursday 20	Genesis 9 Mark 8	1-13 27-33				
Friday 21	Genesis 11 Mark 8	1-9 34-9:1				
Saturday 22	1 Peter 5 Matthew 16	1-4 13-19				
Sunday 13	1 Samuel 26 1 Corinthians 15 Luke 6	2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 45-49 27-38				

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.

WANTTO GO DEEPER INTO YOUR FAITH THIS LENT?

Join us on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 PM as we meet via Zoom or Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 – 2:00 PM in Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center. Together we will watch and discuss "Living Faith". If you are unable to join us at either time you can watch on your own on FORMED. Contact Karen in the parish office for more information. 610-252-7381



Come Join Us!

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

We adore you, most holy Lord Jesus Christ, here, and in all your churches throughout all the world; and we bless you, because, by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world." - St Francis of Assisi



CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN – UP

WE ARE THINKING 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 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

BOOK STUDY

Our Sunday morning Book Study will begin our new book of reflections for Lent "Made for Heaven". We will start on Sunday, March 2nd. Order your copy today and join us as we go on a journey together.

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 16 Gloria & Dominic Fimiano Debbie Mitchell	10:30 am
Tuesday, February 18 Rosemarie Sortino	8:00am
Thursday, February 20 Vincenza & Enrico Amato	8:00 am
Saturday, February 22 Antonio Sulla	4:30 pm
Sunday, February 23 Antonio Oieni	10:30am

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 9th: \$6,086.00

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

Contact Valerie: luvstowrite2003@yahoo.com

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.



CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Candle: Tom Gazzana Blessed Mother: Vita Torcivia St. Joseph: Joseph Torcivia St. Placido: Nino Oieni

St. Ann: Stella Grossman

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!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE				
SATURDAY	FEBRUA	RY 22	4:30 PM	
SACRISTAN LECTOR E. MINISTERS SERVERS CANTORS	L. Fowler J. Azzalina J. Reidda M. Vacaro M. Hollingsw	J. Schinstine G. Vacaro orth	J. Piagesi	
SUNDAY	FEBRUA	RY 23	10:30 AM	
SACRISTAN LECTOR E.MINISTERS SERVERS CANTORS	J. Donofrio G. Buffone P. Smith N. Diaz M. Gano	C. Minotti A. Diaz	R. Allshouse	

Prayer 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.

SILENCE! "Be still & know that I am God." - Psalm 46:10 Please talk to God before Mass & to each other after Mass.

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

Check out our Lighthouse Catholic Media bookshelf located in the

rear of the church. For a small donation you will find many resources to enrich your spiritual growth. Books, CD's, Bibles, and Pamphlets.

LOOKING FOR MATERIALS TO INCREASE YOUR

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.

the parish office to reserve your date.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO REMEMBER

PRAYER LIFE THIS LENT?

A LOVED ONE AT MASS?

OUR LADY OF MERCY'S PARISH LIFE

MASS INTENTIONS		
Sunday, February 16		
Karla & Eliana Gutienez 8:00 a	am	
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Michael Alejandro Valencia-Vergara 12:00	pm (Spanish)	
Jose & Ana Cabrera Anniversary		
Monday, February 17 8:00 a Kately Javier	am	
Wednesday, February 19		
Kenneth Kershner 12:10p	om	
Rosa Ruiz-DeWong 7:00 p		
Friday, February 21 Ellen Bond 8:00a	ım	
Sunday, February 23		
Kenneth Kershner 8:00 a	am	
Juan Jose Polanco 12:00p	pm (Spanish)	

CANDLE & FLOWER INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candle: Mireya Contin

Saint Joseph Candle: Gaston Picatoste

Flowers: The Healing of Kevin Clavijo

OFFICE HOURS

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE				
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 23	8:00 AM		
LECTOR E.MINISTERS GREETER	Frank Hogan Pat Clarke Val Lutz			
MONDAY	FEBRUARY 24			
COUNTERS	Erick & Kathy Hammerstone – Fran Tone			

COMUNIDAD HISPANA

ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR

¿Son los Evangelios una información fiable sobre la vida de Jesucristo? ¿Por qué debo confesarme con un sacerdote? ¿No puedo ir directamente a Dios? ¿Cómo funcionan los sacramentos? ¿Por qué las normas de la Iglesia parecen restrictivas? ¿Son compatibles la fe y la ciencia? ¿Cómo responderías a alguien que te hiciera estas preguntas? Muchas personas pueden tener dificultades para expresar por qué creemos en algo. Esto nos llevó a desarrollar la Prioridad nº 2. Por favor, lee y reflexiona sobre esta prioridad. ¿Te invita el Señor a participar en el crecimiento de tu confianza para explicar tu fe?

Confianza para explicar la Enseñanza de la Fe.

Estad siempre preparados para dar una explicación a cualquiera que os pida razón de la esperanza que tenéis. -1 Pedro 3:15.

Declaración

Esta prioridad se centra en dotar a los feligreses de los conocimientos y la confianza necesarios para articular claramente las enseñanzas fundamentales de la fe católica. Hace hincapié en "volver a lo básico", cubriendo áreas clave como el significado de la Misa, la importancia de la Reconciliación, y respondiendo a preguntas fundamentales como "¿Por qué hacemos lo que hacemos como católicos?" También implica hacer uso de recursos y tecnología modernos para ayudar en la catequesis.

Justificación

En la cultura actual, a muchos católicos les resulta difícil explicar las razones de su fe cuando se les pregunta. Se da por supuesto que la gente sabe más sobre su fe de lo que realmente sabe, lo que deja lagunas en la comprensión. Abordar esta prioridad es crucial para formar discípulos intencionales que estén preparados para vivir y compartir su fe con confianza. Dada la creciente secularización de la sociedad, esta prioridad tiene prioridad porque ayuda a los católicos a comprometerse reflexivamente con su fe, especialmente cuando se les desafía o cuestiona.

META #1:

Aumentar el compromiso de la parroquia con la plataforma FORMED asegurando que al menos el 50% de los feligreses se registren y utilicen activamente el recurso para explorar temas de la Fe Católica para el 31 de diciembre de 2026.

META #2:

Organizar y conducir sesiones de Catolicismo 101 para adultos trimestralmente (4 clases por año), enfocándose en temas esenciales de la Fe Católica con un mínimo de 25 participantes que asistan a cada sesión para el 31 de diciembre de 2026.

iQue tengan una buena 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

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.



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.

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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