



OUR LADY OF MERCY

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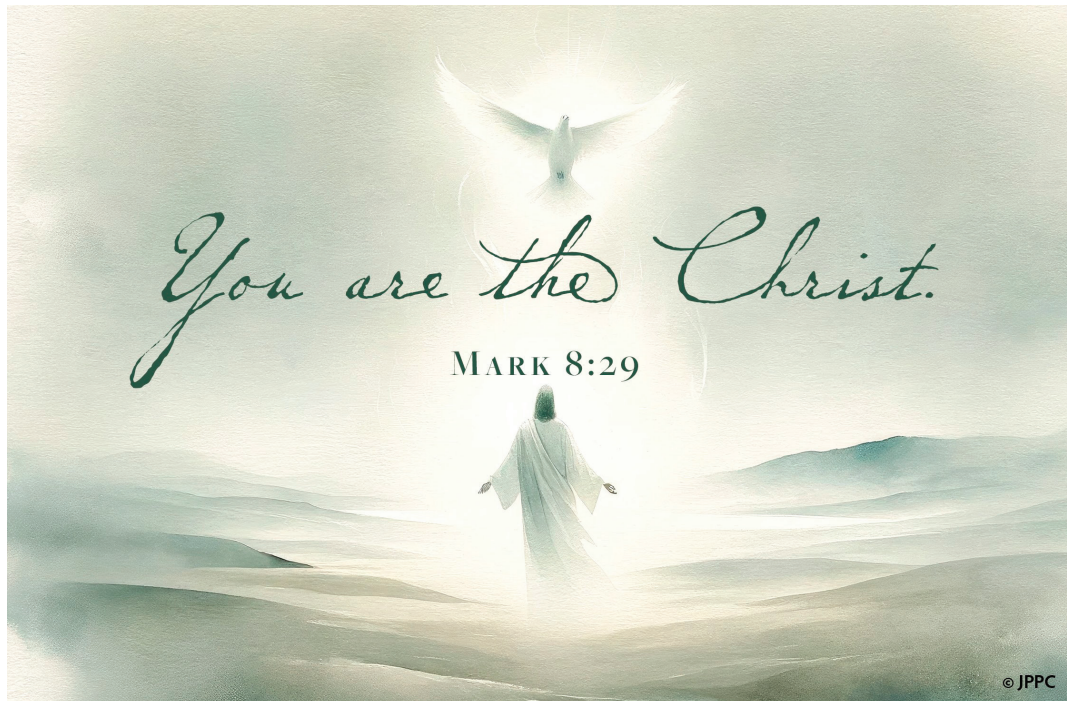
Rev. Keith Laskowski, Pastor
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SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

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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

ALLENTOWN DIOCESE WEBSITE
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PASTOR'S NOTES

Do you remember the survey, *The Disciple Maker Index*, that we had the opportunity to participate in early 2024? The survey ended at the beginning of Easter 2024. This survey is a tool that supports Church ministry with objective data, helping Church leaders recognize their potential and envision future possibilities through a deep analysis of attitude and belief, participation, relationship/satisfaction, and demographics.

The Survey is the part of a larger initiative known as Next Generation Parish where our parishes will develop a strategic plan to move into the future with hope and cultivate a deeper missionary spirit throughout the community. The next phase is to create a parish plan with priorities and goals.

We are working with a leadership consultant from The Catholic Leadership Institute to guide us in the analysis of these surveys. We developed an Envisioning Team consisting of parishioners from both parishes. The team will meet over the next four months to analyze the data and prayerfully distill 3 main priorities and from this develop 6 SMART goals.

As you recall, **Our Lady of Mercy and St. Anthony exist to create a community where people can experience the healing and joy that comes from a loving relationship with Jesus Christ.** It is my goal to develop one strategic plan for both of our parishes in order to fulfill the purpose of our parishes. I look forward to communicating with you more details as we begin this process.

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 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.

PREP & SACRAMENTS

PREP NEWS

Attention all PREP families:

The PREP Registration forms have been mailed out. If you have not received the mailing please contact the Parish Office. Registration forms should be returned by Sunday September 1st. Classes will begin on Sunday, September 8th.

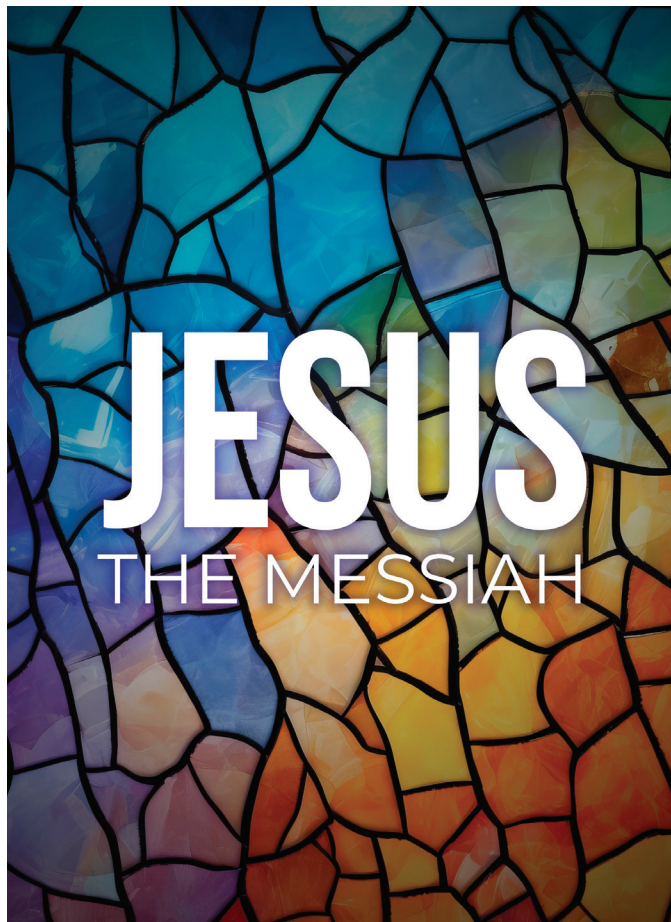
CONFIRMATION CLASS NEWS

CONFIRMATION DATE

We are pleased to announce that we have received the date for Confirmation. Confirmation will be conferred on all prepared candidates on:

Wednesday, November 6th
by Bishop Schlert at Our Lady of Mercy.
The Liturgy will be celebrated at a 4:30 p.m. Mass

Reminder: only students who have completed 2 years of Religious Education and were in the 7th Grade Confirmation Class, this past year, will be confirmed.



PARISH EVENTS

READINGS

Monday 16	1 Corinthians 11 Luke 7	17-26, 33 1-10
Tuesday 17	1 Corinthians 12 Luke 7	12-14, 27-31a 11-17
Wednesday 18	1 Corinthians 12 Luke 7	31-13:13 31-35
Thursday 19	1 Corinthians 15 Luke 7	1-11 36-50
Friday 20	1 Corinthians 15 Luke 8	12-20 1-3
Saturday 21	Ephesians 4 Matthew 9	1-7, 11-13 9-13
Sunday 22	Wisdom 2 James 3 Mark 9	12, 17-20 16-4:3 30-37



BECAUSE WE ARE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2024 Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal is underway! Our parish support is a vital part of this Diocesan-wide effort to serve children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. Please make your gift today at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org. Thank you!

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The St. Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy Bereavement Ministry will begin a new session this Fall. If you have lost a loved one through death and feel that you need some support on your grief journey, please join us. There is no charge, but registration is required. The sessions will be held from 1:30-3:00 PM at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center on the second Thursday of each month from September to February. Please call St. Anthony's at 610-253-7188 or Our Lady of Mercy at 610-252-7381 to register. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

"The Latin liturgy traditionally ends with the words *Ite, missa est*: "Go, she is sent." At every Mass the Church—that is, all her members—are newly empowered and sent forth to bring Christ into the world. Through the Eucharist we become stamped with the pattern of Christ's own self-giving love so that we can reproduce that pattern in our own lives. Thus, the goal of the liturgy is never just to receive the sacrament and go home; it is to become a living tabernacle through which Christ is made present to others."



SUNDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP

Join us September 8th as we begin our new book – *The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit* By: Kevin Vost. Please order your book or call the OLOM parish office to sign up 610-252-7381

INVITE ONE BACK

God our Father, you never cease to seek out your children—the lonely, the frightened, the hurt, and the lost. We pray for all our parishioners who have been missing from our parish community and Eucharistic celebrations. Through the intercession of Mary, please pave the way for conversations and invitations that welcome them back to the Catholic Church and our Parish community. We trust in your love and mercy for every one of your children. Amen.

BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC DAILY MASSES

Mass Celebrated by The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert D.D.

Monday, October 28

St. Teresa of Calcutta, Mahanoy City – 6:00 pm
600 W. Mahanoy Avenue, Mahanoy City

*Followed by light refreshments
in the Parish Center*



CATHOLIC WOMENS CONFERENCE

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is once again presenting the Catholic Womens Conference on Saturday October 19, 9 AM - 4 PM at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa 654 Ferry Road Doylestown, PA. It will be a wonderful day in a beautiful setting, filled with talks, worship and food. Individual registration is \$60/pp but if we can get a group of 5 or more to register together, then the cost would be \$50/pp. For more information, or to register as an individual, visit: <https://www.catholicwomensconference.org/registration/>. If you'd like to register as part of our group, contact Valerie: luvstowrite2003@yahoo.com

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH LIFE

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 15	
Margaret & Henry Casella	10:30am
Tuesday, September 17	
William Corriere Jr.	8:00 am
Concetta Nesci Vincenzo Capelano	
Thursday, September 19	
Placido Viglianti	8:00 am
All Those Enrolled in the Memorial Fund	
Saturday, September 21	
Cynthia Louise Warner	4:30 pm
Nicodemo Romeo	
Sunday, September 22	
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Patti	10:30 am
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Patti	

CANDLE INTENTIONS

- Blessed Mother: Nikki Bucci
- Saint Joseph: Richard Principato
- Saint Anthony: Tony Rizk
- St. Placido: Deceased Members of San Placido Society
- Saint Jude: LeRoy Williams

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

Contact Valerie:
luvstowrite2003@yahoo.com

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 21	4:30 PM
SACRISTAN	P. Titus	
LECTOR	K. Bast	
E. MINISTERS	J. Gensheimer	J. Bast
SERVERS	M. Titus	
CANTORS	M. Gano	
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 22	10:30 AM
SACRISTAN	J. Allshouse	
LECTOR	J. Reidda	
E. MINISTERS	C. Minotti	Sr. Donna
SERVERS	M. Vacaro	G. Vacaro
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

September 8th: \$6,277.00

SILENCE!

"Be still & know that I am God." - Psalm 46:10

Please talk to God before Mass & to each other after Mass.



COFFEE & THE WORD

Beginning immediately, Coffee and The Word will begin meeting on Tuesdays at 8:30 AM in the Gathering Place, following 8 AM Mass, with the study beginning at 9 AM.



ST. ANTHONY'S GOLDEN AGE

Golden Age meetings will resume on Monday, September 9, 2024 in the Gathering Place 910 Washington Street @ 1:00 PM. Members and guests are welcome; refreshments will be served.

BACKPACK PALS DONATION

Backpack Pals Donation of unsweetened applesauce (6 pack) begins in September. Our participation helps needy students and their families with food 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!

HOLY SMOKE

Men's Retreat and Cigar Social hosted by St. Anthony's Holy Name Society

Saturday, September 28 at 1pm located at 900 Washington Street Easton, PA 18042 (Garage around the side of the Parish Center). Guest Speaker Seminarian Dominic Civitella (Diocese of Allentown and Member of St. Jane's de Chantel Easton)

Tickets are \$30 and include food, drinks and one cigar. Additional cigars will be available for purchase.

For Information on how to purchase tickets please call St. Anthony of Padua Parish Center (610) 253-7188 or contact Angelo DeRaymond at angeloderaymond@gmail.com.

OUR LADY OF MERCY'S PARISH LIFE

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 15

Stanley Gerstenblith	8:00 am
Felipe & Maria E. Roman Mercedes Gordillo	12:00pm (Spanish)

Monday, September 16

Andrew & Isabel Hutchinson Sharon Mannix	8:00 am
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Wednesday, September 17

Art Breiner	12:10 pm
Mercedes Gordillo Clemencia Santiago	7:00 pm (Spanish)

Friday, September 20

Sean Anthony Toohey	8:00am
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Sunday, September 22

Gregory Carr Tony Bassil	8:00 am
Esteban & Tatiana Soto 19th Anniversary Michael Alejandro Valencia- Vergara	12:00pm (Spanish)

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 22	8:00 AM
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LECTOR	Frank Hogan
E. MINISTERS	John Beck
GREETER	Ronnita Fern

MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 23
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COUNTERS	Erich & Kathy Hammerstone and Fran Tone
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STEWARDSHIP

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

Actual: September 1st: \$7,674.20

Month at a Glance

Knitting Group – 1:00 PM Tuesday weekly

Tuesday Book Study – 7:00 PM Tuesday weekly Zoom to join Contact the Parish Office

Sunday Book Study – 9:00 AM weekly in the Social Hall

Divine Mercy Cenacle – 7:00 PM Monday, September 16th

Pro-Life Group – 7:00 PM Tuesday, September 17th

Women's Guild – 4:30 PM Thursday, September 19th

PAX - DEI Holy Hour – 6:00 PM Friday weekly

Safe Harbor Meal – Tuesday, September 24th to help contact the Parish

Saint Monica Ministry Holy Hour – 8:30 AM Saturday, October 4th

RECYCLE RELIGIOUS ITEMS

Do you have religious items that you or a loved one are no longer using but don't know how to dispose of them? We will recycle them for you. Please drop them off at the Parish Office or deposit them in the box located at the back of the church.

OLOM WOMEN'S GUILD SUMMER HOAGIE SALE



Hoagie Coupons are available at the SCRIP table and in the parish office. The coupons will be \$9.00 each. All proceeds will go to benefit our Scholarship Program. Thank you for your support.

PARISH PICNIC

Come join the fun! Sunday, September 29th

Louise Moore Park Pavilion 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Meat and drinks provided.

Please bring a covered dish and dessert to share.

Games will be provided for the children!

If you are able to help with set up, please arrive at 11:45

BASKET RAFFLE AND BAKE SALE

Save the Date: Our Lady of Mercy Women's Guild

Basket Raffle and Bake Sale

Saturday, November 16th and Sunday, November 17th

More details to follow.

WOMEN'S GUILD MASS

Attention Ladies:

Our Women's Guild Mass and covered dish will be held on Thursday, September 19th. We will begin with Mass at 4:30PM. All are welcome.

COMUNIDAD HISPANA

ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR

¿Recuerdas la encuesta, *The Disciple Maker Index*, en la que tuvimos la oportunidad de participar a principios de 2024? La encuesta finalizó a principios de la Pascua de 2024. Esta encuesta es una herramienta que apoya el ministerio de la Iglesia con datos objetivos, ayudando a los líderes de la Iglesia a reconocer su potencial y vislumbrar posibilidades futuras a través de un análisis profundo de actitud y creencia, participación, relación/satisfacción y demografía.

La Encuesta forma parte de una iniciativa más amplia conocida como Parroquia de la Próxima Generación, en la que nuestras parroquias desarrollarán un plan estratégico para avanzar hacia el futuro con esperanza y cultivar un espíritu misionero más profundo en toda la comunidad. La siguiente fase es crear un plan parroquial con prioridades y objetivos.

Estamos trabajando con un consultor de liderazgo del Catholic Leadership Institute para que nos guíe en el análisis de estas encuestas. Hemos creado un Equipo de Visión formado por feligreses de ambas parroquias. El equipo se reunirá durante los próximos cuatro meses para analizar los datos y destilar en oración 3 prioridades principales y a partir de esto desarrollar 6 objetivos SMART.

Como ustedes recuerdan, **Nuestra Señora de la Merced y San Antonio existen para crear una comunidad donde la gente pueda experimentar la sanación y la alegría que viene de una relación amorosa con Jesucristo.**

Es mi meta desarrollar un plan estratégico para ambas parroquias para cumplir con el propósito de nuestras parroquias. Espero poder comunicarles más detalles a medida que iniciemos este proceso.

¡Que 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. Kelly DeRaymond.

NOTICIAS

Tenemos Secretaria Bilingüe disponible lunes de 8:30 a 12:00, miércoles y jueves de 8:30 a 3:30 para lo que necesiten.

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.

LA CAMPAÑA ANUAL 2024 PORQUE SOMOS CATÓLICOS

¡La 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. ¡Gracias!

VELAS VOTIVAS

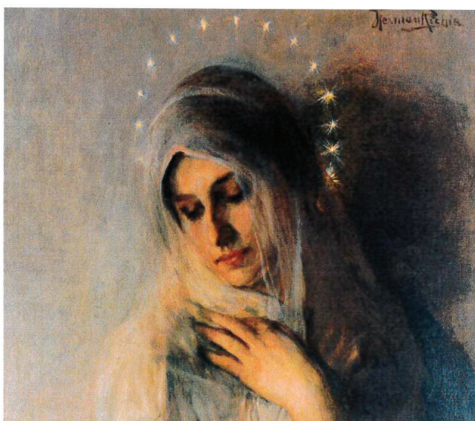
¿Le gustaría recordar a un ser querido en Misa? (Cumpleaños, aniversarios, memoriales ocasiones especiales). Ahora tenemos velas votivas por las Estatuas de Nuestra Santísima Madre y San Jose. El nombre y la intención se anunciarán antes de la Misa El costo es de \$5.00. Por favor de comunicarse con la oficina parroquial para reservar sus fechas.

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.

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.



Dogmas Marianos

21 de septiembre, 2024
Nuestra Señora de la Merced
Oradora Invitada: Ana Hidalgo
8am - 11am

Unase a nosotros a conocer los Dogmas Marianos.

THE DIOCESE AND COMMUNITY

ST. JUDE NATIONAL SHRINE AND BALTIMORE INNER HARBOR BUS TRIP

Wednesday, October 16th - \$75 includes driver tip. Leave 137 Roseberry Street, Phillipsburg at 7:30am return 8pm. Clinton pickup & Easton Park & Ride available upon request. Rosary at 11:30am, Noon Mass with Adoration afterwards and visit Gift Shop. Return to Inner Harbor before final departure at 5pm. Contact Camille 908-319-2719 for reservation.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Bath, Pa. and the Knights of Columbus 14464, 117 Washington St, Bath, Pa. will be sponsoring a Community Breakfast in the auditorium on Sunday September 15, 2024. All of your favorites will be offered along with the monthly special of Breakfast Pizza. Adults \$11.00, children \$5.00, under 6 free. 7 am to 11 am.

ST. URSULA'S RAFFLE

St Ursula's Parish is having a BIG raffle on Saturday, October 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. & Sunday, October 20th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be over 100 baskets, items such as gift cards, and some special value items such as a TV.

ST. ELIZABETH - GOLF TOURNAMENT

The St. Elizabeth Regional School Annual Golf Tournament on September 28th at the Whitetail Golf Course is a short time away! Have a foursome or need a player? This is a fun day packed with good times and great people. Contact Jason Kahr, jkahr2@gmail.com or the school office for more details 610-264-0143. Looking forward to seeing you there!

**FALL BAZAAR**

Incarnation of Our Lord Parish - Bethlehem, PA
October 5, 2024 12 pm - 7pm
Tricky Tray, Fantastic Foods, Bake Sale, 50/50 Drawing
Information: 610-866-3391 Parking: Laufer Street Lot, Jackson & Buchanan Lot, on-street

HERE I AM! SEND ME

Celeste Behe, "The Catholic Storyteller, will bring her inspiring story of following the Holy Spirit's promptings as she founded St. Monica Ministry to St. Francis Retreat House, Easton, on September 16. The Monday Mini-Retreat will begin with dinner at 6 pm followed by the presentation from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Donation is \$40. Register by September 6 at www.stfrancisretreathouse.org/retreats/.