



**OUR LADY OF MERCY**

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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**

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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  
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## PASTOR'S NOTES

Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. The four weeks of Advent prepare us for the celebration of Christmas, the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The coming of Jesus Christ renews all of humanity. Jesus reveals to us how to be fully human. Jesus enters into our humanity to heal and unite us to his divinity. Jesus' coming is a great invitation. Jesus Christ does not force himself upon us. We must invite him into our lives daily. We receive the divine life of Jesus Christ at our Baptism. This life grows through daily prayer, the conscious reception of the Sacraments and expressing our Faith through our words and actions. Advent is a time of preparation and renewal. We are given a sacred opportunity to deepen our friendship with Jesus Christ as we look forward to his return at the end of time. As we listen to the readings of Advent, Jesus gives us great advice today, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy ... Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent." Our relationship with Jesus strengthens us to face any challenge we encounter. Advent is a time to strengthen and deepen our relationship with Jesus.

I encourage you to explore FORMED. You can register for free, [www.FORMED.org](http://www.FORMED.org). If you type in Advent in the Search bar, you will be presented with great resources for adults and children. If you wish to participate in our bilingual Advent Morning of Reflection, join us on 8:30am on Saturday, December 14 in English at OLOM. That same evening, join us at St. Anthony at 6pm for Advent Vespers. I pray that you have an Advent richly filled with blessings.

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.

## PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PREPARATION

## PREP

**Thanksgiving Break:** There will be no PREP Class on **Sunday, December 1st.**

**Christmas Break:** There will be no PREP classes on **Sunday, December 22nd, and Sunday, December 29th.**

## 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 December 8th.

**Children's Liturgy**

We would like to welcome & invite all families to join us for our Children's Liturgy on Sunday, December 8th 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.



## ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Vesper Service**

On Sunday, December 15th, at 6:00pm at St. Anthony's Church

**Advent Penance Services**

Light the night! Bring your family to the Advent Penance Service & Adoration

Monday, December 16th

6:30-8:00pm in Our Lady of Mercy Church

Adoration at 6:30pm, Penance Service at

7:00pm, Benediction at 8:00pm

December 17th Confession 3pm-5pm at St. Anthony Church and

December 18th Penance Service 7:00pm at St. Jane Church

**Children's Christmas Eve Mass**

We would like to invite all of our families from St Anthony of Padua and Our Lady of Mercy to join us for our special Christmas Eve Children's Liturgy at 6:30pm in St Anthony of Padua Church. During the Christmas Liturgy, our music & the homily will be directed toward our children, encouraging them to sing, to listen, and to ponder God.

At 6:15pm, Children will be presenting the Nativity story before Mass and will sing a special Communion Meditation Song. We invite all children to attend a short rehearsal date to be determined in the church.

## PARISH EVENTS

### READINGS

Monday 2	Isaiah 2 Matthew 8	1-5 5-11
Tuesday 3	Isaiah 11 Luke 10	1-10 21-24
Wednesday 4	Isaiah 25 Matthew 15	6-10a 29-37
Thursday 5	Isaiah 26 Matthew 7	1-6 21, 24-27
Friday 6	Isaiah 29 Matthew 9	17-24 27-31
Saturday 7	Isaiah 30 Matthew 9	19-21, 23-26 35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday 8	Baruch 5 Philippians 1 Luke 3	1-9 4-6, 8-11 1-6

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### EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

"One of the most admirable effects of Holy Communion is to preserve the soul from sin, and to help those who fall through weakness to rise again. It is much more profitable, then, to approach this divine Sacrament with love, respect, and confidence, than to remain away through an excess of fear and scrupulosity."



- Saint Ignatius of Loyola

### SAVE THE DATE

Advent Vespers  
Sunday, December 15th at 6:00 PM  
Saint Anthony's Church



### PLEASE SUPPORT THE ANNUAL FUND FOR RETIRED AND INFIRMED PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN

Please take advantage of the opportunity to offer support to the retired priests of our Diocese by helping provide for their care in retirement! Your donation will help serve those who have faithfully served us. You should have received a request letter in the mail within the last few days. You may return your gift in the mail or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. For more information visit the website [www.weloveourpriests.org](http://www.weloveourpriests.org). Thank you in advance for your generous support!

#### Mass Schedule:

#### Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, December 9th  
8:00 AM OLOM  
12:10 PM OLOM  
4:30 PM Saint Anthony  
7:00 PM Bilingual OLOM



### ADVENT MORNING OF REFLECTION

Join us as we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Light of the World.  
"Christ Be Our Light" Saturday, December 14th 8:30am - 12:30pm  
Our Lady of Merch Parish Center  
Prayer, Music, Discussion, and Reflections  
Lite refreshments will be provided.  
To register please call 610-252-7381

# ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH LIFE

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday, December 1</b>	
John Todaro & Family	10:30am
Rose Sortino	
<b>Tuesday, December 3</b>	
Chris Amato 6th Anniversary	8:00 am
Charles Stocker 21st Anniversary	
<b>Thursday, December 5</b>	
Angelina & John Bisco Sr.	8:00 am
<b>Saturday, December 7</b>	
Ralph & Lucille Henshaw	4:30 pm
Harry Dolla	
<b>Sunday, December 8</b>	
Alex Nagurney	
Anthony Vannicola Sr.	10:30 am

## CANDLE INTENTIONS

- Blessed Mother:** Marion Blanche
- St. Placido:** Michael Murgia
- St. Anthony:** Deceased Members of Victor S. Patti Family
- St. Jude:** Jerry Paullus
- St. Anne:** Stella Patti Grossman
- Altar Flowers:** The Anthony Vannicola Family

## PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

Contact Valerie: [luvstowrite2003@yahoo.com](mailto:luvstowrite2003@yahoo.com)

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 7</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b>
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	L. Fowler	
<b>LECTOR</b>	M. Hollingsworth	
<b>E. MINISTERS</b>	M. Nicolosi      J. Piagesi      J. Reidda	
<b>SERVERS</b>	J. De Leon	
<b>CANTORS</b>		
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 8</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	J. Allshouse	
<b>LECTOR</b>	YOUTH	
<b>E. MINISTERS</b>	J. Donfrio      J. Bast      R. Allshouse	
<b>SERVERS</b>	M. Azzolina      D. Azzolina	
<b>CANTORS</b>		

## STEWARDSHIP

You may make donations directly to Saint Anthony's Church at [www.stanthonyeaston.com/giving](http://www.stanthonyeaston.com/giving). Please use your offering envelopes, which will be sent to your respective parish.

**Weekly Budget:** \$7,000.00

**November 24th:** Not available at time of publication

## 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.

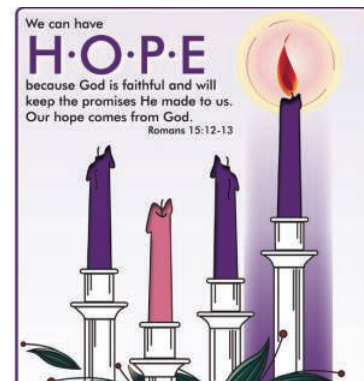


## BACKPACK PALS DONATION

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!

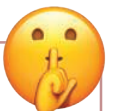
## THE GIVING TREE

The Catholic Charities Giving Tree is once again in the rear of the church for the Advent Season. Please consider taking a tag from the tree and purchasing something for mothers in need. All donations should be returned by Christmas day. Thank you so much for your generosity.



### SILENCE!

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



## OUR LADY OF MERCY'S PARISH LIFE

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, December 1

Parishioners with a December Birthday  
Frederica Kreidler 8:00 am

Gregoria Caro/Darcey Rosedo  
Rosa Palacias 12:00pm (Spanish)

#### Monday, December 2

Bonney Todd Cervasi  
Ronald Minotti 8:00 am

#### Wednesday, December 4

Patrick Clark  
Helen Carr  
Legionanos Difuntos  
Manuel Martinez 12:10 pm  
7:00 pm (Spanish)

#### Friday, December 6

Those Enrolled in the Memorial  
Endowment Society 8:00am

#### Saturday, December 7

The Souls in Purgatory  
Deborah Klosowski 8:00am

#### Sunday, December 8

Charles & Mafalda McGarvey  
Charles Rivers 8:00 am

Lissatte Caro-Rosado  
Eugenio Tenchipe & Apolonia Vasquez 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.

### CANDLE & FLOWER INTENTIONS

Blessed Mother Candle: Anna Hodge

Saint Joseph Candle: Parish Priests

Flowers: Advent

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8 8:00 AM

LECTOR David Jablonski  
E. MINISTERS Sally Lerch  
GREETER Ronnita Fern

MONDAY DECEMBER 9

COUNTERS Erich & Kathy Hammerstone – Fran Tone

### STEWARDSHIP

You may make donations directly to Our Lady of Mercy online at: [www.olomercy.com](http://www.olomercy.com) or use your weekly offering envelopes.

Actual: November 17th: \$

### OFFICE HOURS

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

*Month at a Glance*

**Knitting Group** – 1:00 PM Tuesday weekly

**Tuesday Book Study** – 7:00 PM 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, December 2nd

**Pro-Life Group** - 7:00 PM Tuesday, December 17th

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

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

**Safe Harbor Meal** – Tuesday, December 24th

To help, please contact the Parish

**Saint Monica Ministry Holy Hour** – 8:30 AM Saturday, December 7th

### PROJECT OF EASTON FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST

Thank you to all those who donate each month to our collection for the food pantry. ProJeCt has supplied us with an updated list of needs. Please pick up a copy of the needs in the rear of the church



### SCRIP PROGRAM

The scrip Program is a vital form of fundraising for our parish. Please consider purchasing gift cards for your everyday needs as well as for gifts. The cards are available in the rear of the church before and after Mass or in the parish office.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO REMEMBER A LOVED ONE AT MASS?

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 announced at Mass. The donation is \$5.00. Please call the office to schedule your dates!

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## COMUNIDAD HISPANA

### ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR

El Adviento marca el comienzo de un nuevo año litúrgico. Las cuatro semanas de Adviento nos preparan para la celebración de la Navidad, el nacimiento de nuestro Salvador, Jesucristo. La venida de Jesucristo renueva a toda la humanidad. Jesús nos revela cómo ser plenamente humanos. Jesús entra en nuestra humanidad para sanarnos y unirnos a su divinidad. La venida de Jesús es una gran invitación. Jesucristo no viene a la fuerza. Debemos invitarle a entrar en nuestras vidas cada día. Recibimos la vida divina de Jesucristo en nuestro Bautismo. Esta vida crece a través de la oración diaria, la recepción consciente de los Sacramentos y la expresión de nuestra Fe a través de nuestras palabras y acciones. El Adviento es un tiempo de preparación y renovación. Se nos ofrece una oportunidad sagrada para profundizar en nuestra amistad con Jesucristo mientras esperamos su regreso al final de los tiempos. Mientras escuchamos las lecturas del Adviento, Jesús nos da hoy un gran consejo: «Velen, pues, y hagan oración continuamente, para que puedan escapar de todo lo que ha de suceder y comparecer seguros ante el Hijo del hombre». Nuestra relación con Jesús nos fortalece para afrontar cualquier desafío que se nos presente. El Adviento es un tiempo para fortalecer y profundizar nuestra relación con Jesús.

Te animo a que explores FORMED. Puedes registrarte gratuitamente en [www.FORMED.org](http://www.FORMED.org). Si escribes Adviento en la barra de búsqueda, se le presentarán grandes recursos para adultos y niños. Si desea participar en nuestra mañana bilingüe de Adviento de reflexión, únase a nosotros en 8:30 am el sábado, 14 de diciembre en Inglés en OLOM. Esa misma tarde, únase a nosotros en San Antonio a las 6pm para las Vísperas de Adviento.

Rezo para que tengan un Adviento lleno de bendiciones.

¡Que tengan una buena semana!  
P. Keith

**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).

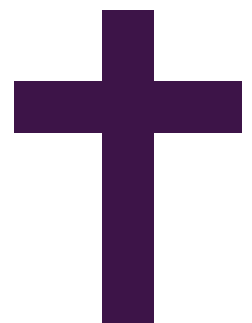
### NOTICIAS DE PREPARACION

#### 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

*Esperanza*



### SERVICIOS EN ESPAÑOL

La Misa: Domingo @ 12:00 pm / Miércoles @ 7:00 pm  
Confesiones: Miércoles @ 6:00 pm

**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](http://www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org). ¡Gracias!

**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 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 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

**DINE & DONATE FUNDRAISER**

TO BENEFIT ANGELIC SISTERS OF ST. PAUL

Wednesday, December 11th  
11:00 am to 7:00 pm

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DINE IN OR TAKE OUT



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**AN ADVENT EVENING OF SCRIPTURE AND SONG**

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Music Ministry invites one and all to All Things in Her Heart: Musical Meditations on the Joyful Mysteries on Sunday, December 8, at 5:00 pm. Deepen your celebration of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception and the Rosary through this annual Advent Evening of Scripture and Song, sung by the Choir of St Elizabeth. Prelude music starts at 4:30. A free-will offering will be taken at the door. St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church is located at 618 Fullerton Avenue, Whitehall. All are welcome!

*"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good,  
His mercy endures forever." Psalm 136:1*

### A Day of Mercy

Wednesday, December 4  
St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church  
1408 Easton Road, Hellertown, PA

8:00am - Mass  
8:30am - Eucharistic Exposition  
Confessions throughout the day  
6:30pm - Liturgy of Healing  
Confessions will also be heard after the liturgy.  
Light refreshments will follow in Friendship Hall.

**Homilist, Msgr. Myron Grabowsky**  
Archeparchy of Philadelphia  
Spiritual Director

**4TH ANNUAL CRUSADER CHRISTMAS**

Please join us at Notre Dame High School on Sunday, December 8th from 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM for our 4th Annual Crusader Christmas! Get your Christmas shopping completed early by attending our event! ND apparel, ornaments, crafts, prizes, and food items will be offered for cash/check and carry. Help us foster a sense of community while supporting our youth. All other proceeds will directly benefit NDHS's clubs and sports teams.

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