

Great Dangers Demand Drastic  
Measures  
(Mark 9:38-48)

# OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH

132 S. Fifth Street, Easton, PA 18042

Parish Center hours 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM daily Monday thru Thursday (except Holidays) Closed Friday

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**Pastoral Staff:**

Pastor: **Rev. Keith Laskowski**  
Permanent Deacon: **Mr. Isidro Gonzalez**  
Permanent Deacon: **Mr. Henry Fleck, Jr. (Retired)**  
Catholic Ministry to the Sick: **Rev. Elias D. Munyaneza, A.J.**  
Office Manager: **Mr. Jim DiPaolo**  
Financial Secretary: **Mrs. Tammy Reid**  
Parish Secretary: **Mrs. Caroline Fuchs**  
PREP Coordinator and Easton Area Catholic Youth Group:  
**Mrs. Kelly DeRaymond**  
Parish Music Director: **Mr. James Convery**

**Baptism/Bautismo:** (Pre-registration required)

*English Preparation Class/Baptisms:* Contact Parish Office  
Baptisms are held the 3rd Sunday at 1:30. **Parents must be registered members of the parish.**

*Charlas Pre-Bautismales:* Primer Domingo del mes  
*El bautismo en español-* 2do Domingo a la 1:30 pm  
**Los padres deben ser miembros registrados de la parroquia**

**Marriage/Matrimonio:**

We ask couples to contact the Parish Office to schedule a meeting with the Pastor at least six months before the wedding date.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Wednesday/Miercoles 6:15-6:45 pm  
Saturday/Sabado 3:30-4:15 pm or by appointment any time.

**Ministry to the Sick:**

Communion Call List/Homebound Visits: Call Parish Office  
Hospital Calls/Last Rites: Notify your hospital staff. They will contact priest on call or dial 610-252-7381 Ext. 311

**Religious Education/Educación Religiosa:**

Classes are held:  
**Sunday/Domingo 9:00-10:10 am** Grades 1-5 at St. Anthony  
Grades 6-8 & Special Sacramental Programs in our Parish Center.  
For information call: Kelly DeRaymond at the Parish Center.

**Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:**

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LCP  
Direct Telephone: (800) 791-9209

**Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator:**

Sr. Meg Cole, S.S.J., M.S., L.M.F.T.  
Telephone: (610) 332-0442 Ext. 2019



*Mass Intentions  
For the Week*

**Saturday, Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels, September 29**

4:30 pm Mary Ogden [The Women's Guild]

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 30**

8:00 am Donald Hess [Ron & Sally Lerch]

10:30 am Vern Faulkner [Anita & Louisa Duran]

12:00 pm Nimian Kelly [Pam & Jim Hogan]

**Monday, Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church, October 1**

8:00 am Anthony Boscia [Wife Sarina]

12:10 pm **Cancelled**

**Tuesday, The Holy Guardian Angels, October 2**

8:00 am **Cancelled**

**Wednesday, Weekday, October 3**

8:00 am Anthony Coccia [Family]

12:10 pm **Cancelled**

7:00 pm Robert & Andrew Tirrell [Mary Bryant]

**Thursday, Saint Francis of Assisi, October 4**

8:00 am Thomas B. & Rose Fagan

12:10 pm Thomas Garza [Bob Oakley]

**Friday, Weekday, October 5**

8:00 am Memorial & Endowment

12:10 pm All Souls in Purgatory [Caroline Fuchs]

**Saturday, Weekday, October 6**

8:00 am Steve & Kathy Wallo Special Intention

4:30 pm Mafalda McGarvey [Family]

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Oct. 7**

8:00 am Dolores Cortright [Family]

10:30 am Virginia Aguiles [Josie Aguiles]

12:00 pm Ramon Cabrera [Ana & José Cabrera]

***It is the mission of Our Lady of Mercy Parish to love and serve God and our neighbors by being a warm and welcoming multi-cultural Roman Catholic Community, showing mercy to all through every stage of life, and building the Kingdom of God through fellowship, evangelization, worship and stewardship.***



**Upcoming Ministry  
Schedule for:  
Oct 6<sup>th</sup> – Oct 7<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30 pm** *Celebrant: Fr. Keith*

*Lector:* Betsy Kennedy

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Joseph Black, Marcia & Kirk Colton

*Altar Servers:* Anna DiFelice

*Greeters:* Janice Folsom

**8:00 am** *Celebrant: Fr. Keith*

*Lector:* Frank Hogan

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Rosanne Ramunni, Amy Robinson & Sally Ann Lerch

*Altar Server:* Nicholas Kummer

*Greeter:* Chris Curto

**10:30 am** *Celebrant: Fr. Keith*

*Lector:* Maryann Kearns

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Dora Gaviria, Daniel Klein & Aldo Dalsass

*Altar Servers:* Faith Jonson & Tailyn Faulkner

*Greeter:* Val Lutz

*Counters:* Sally Ann Lerch, Pat & Larry Bleam

**12:00 pm** *Celebrante: Fr. Elias*

*Lectores:* Daisy & Daniel Días

*Ministros de Eucaristía:* Berta Mendez, Maura Guardado & Leonel Pleites

*Monaguillos:* Natasha Montesdeoca & Amy Pineda

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

**SALMO RESPONSORIAL:** *Los mandamientos del Señor alegran el corazón.*

**WEEK OF 9/30/2018 CALENDAR**

**30 – Sunday**

9:00 am – Sunday Morning Book Study

1:30 pm – Ultreya de Cursillo

**1 – Monday**

7:00 pm – English Conversation Groups

7:00 pm – Divine Mercy Cenacle

**2 – Tuesday**

9:00 am & 7:00 pm - Book Club

10:15 am – Rosary Group

1:00 pm – Knitting Ministry

**3 – Wednesday**

6:30 pm – Catholic Daughters of America

7:30 pm – Juan XXIII

**4 – Thursday**

7:00 pm – English Conversation Groups

**5 – Friday**

8:30 am – Patriotic Rosary

**6 – Saturday**

**8:00 am – First Saturday of the month Mass**

3:30 pm – Legion de Maria

5:00 pm – Spanish Charismatic

**WEEK OF 10/7/18 CALENDAR**

**7 – Sunday**

9:00 am – Sunday Morning Book Study

10:30 am – Spanish Food Sale

1:30 pm – Ultreya de Cursillo

**8 – Monday**

7:00 pm – English Conversation Groups

**9 – Tuesday**

9:00 am & 7:00 pm - Book Club

1:00 pm – Knitting Ministry

**10 – Wednesday**

7:30 pm – Juan XXIII

**11 – Thursday**

7:00 pm – Hispanic Social Comm. Meeting

7:00 pm – English Conversation Groups

**13 – Saturday**

3:30 pm – Legion de Maria

5:00 pm – Spanish Charismatic

**Gift Cards**

AMAZON.COM	\$ 25.00
APPLEBEES	\$ 25.00
ARBY'S	\$ 10.00
BARNES & NOBLE	\$ 10.00 / \$ 25.00
BATH & BODYWORKS	\$ 10.00 / \$ 25.00
BED BATH & BEYOND	\$ 25.00
BEST BUY	\$ 25.00
BOSCOV'S	\$ 25.00
BUFFALO WILD WINGS	\$ 25.00
BURGER KING	\$ 10.00
CABELA'S	\$ 25.00
CHILI'S/ON THE BORDER/MACARONI GRILL/MAGGIANO'S	\$ 25.00
CRACKER BARREL	\$ 25.00
CVS	\$ 25.00
DAIRY QUEEN	\$ 10.00
DICK'S SPORTING	\$ 25.00
DOMINO'S PIZZA	\$ 10.00
DUNKIN DONUTS	\$ 10.00 / \$ 25.00
GAP/OLD NAVY/BANANA REPUBLIC	\$ 25.00
GIANT	\$25.00/ \$50.00 /\$100.00
HOME DEPOT	\$ 25.00 / \$ 100.00
iTunes	\$ 15.00 / \$ 25.00
KMART	\$ 25.00
KOHL'S	\$ 25.00
LOWE'S	\$ 25.00 / \$ 100.00

**Gift Cards**

LL BEAN	\$ 25.00
OLIVE GARDEN/RED LOBSTER/LONGHORN	\$ 25.00
OUTBACK/CARRABA	\$ 25.00
PANERA'S	\$10.00 / \$25.00
PETSMART	\$ 25.00
PIZZA HUT	\$ 10.00
RED ROBIN	\$ 25.00
REDNER'S	\$25.00/ \$50.00
REGAL CINEMAS	\$ 10.00 / \$ 25.00
RUBY TUESDAY	\$ 25.00
SHOPRITE	\$ 25.00 / \$ 100.00
STARBUCKS	\$ 10.00
SUBWAY	\$ 10.00
TARGET	\$ 25.00 / \$ 50.00
TEXAS ROADHOUSE	\$ 25.00
TGI FRIDAY	\$ 25.00
TJ MAXX/MARSHALLS/HOME GOODS	\$ 25.00
WALGREEN'S	\$ 25.00
WALMART/SAM'S	\$ 25.00 / \$ 100.00
WAWA	\$ 25.00
WEGMAN'S	\$25.00/ \$50.00/ \$100.00
WEIS	\$ 25.00 / \$ 100.00
WENDY'S	\$ 10.00



As you put your summer clothes away, remember Our Lady of Mercy Women's Guild will be having a clothing drive in October.

More information to follow.

**STOP BY THE SCRIP TABLE!**

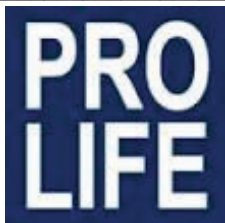
**WEEK 10/6 – 10/7**

**Sat. 4:30** – Sharon DiFelice

**Sun. 8:00** – Ron & Sally Lerch

**Sun. 10:30** – Nancy Bonfanti

**Dom. 12:00** – Carlos Orellana & Evodio Mendez



October is Respect Life Month.  
Below are some Pro-Life events for October.

9/26-11/4 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign

10/7 Life Chain

10/12 Premiere of the Gosnell Movie

10/13 Helpers of God's Precious Infants

10/16 OLOM Pro-Life Group meeting

For more information call 610-838-2817



The Scrip Team is looking for volunteers to help sell gift cards especially at the 8:00 and 10:30 Masses. The obligation is usually only one Mass a month for 15-20 minutes before and after Mass. Please call Sally Lerch at 610-252-0202 or the church office.



## Pastor's Corner

On this pilgrimage to Poland, I carry the good people of this parish in my heart. If all goes as planned, we will have celebrated mass at the Church of Our Lady of Mercy in Warsaw, Poland where St. Faustina entered the convent. We will have visited the dreaded Nazi concentration camp, Auschwitz, where St. Maximillian Kolbe offered his life so that another might live. We will have visited the famous Marian shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa (say that 10x fast) where Pope John Paul II often visited and prayed for guidance.

The lives of these saints inspire us to put our complete trust in Jesus Christ. Mary, our spiritual mother, wants to assist us in growing in trust. We can face many difficulties and sufferings in our life. We can be tempted to be discouraged. Let the powerful words of the Divine Mercy image become our daily prayer - Jesus, I trust in You!

*"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward."*

The gospel reminds us of the importance of seemingly simple gestures. A cup of water... a kind word... taking out the trash.... emptying the dishwasher...a simple phone call.... done out of love for Christ is a way of maintaining our connection to Christ. These simple gestures are ways that we show charity and mercy to others. It is a simple practice to be aware of the need of another and do an action that can assist them.

It is too easy for all of us to be focused on our own needs and neglect the needs of others. Where might you have an opportunity to do an act of mercy for someone this week?

See you next week!

Fr. Keith



## Notas del Pastor

En esta peregrinación a Polonia, llevo a la buena gente de esta parroquia en mi corazón. Si todo va según lo he planeado, habremos celebrado la misa en la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de la Misericordia en Varsovia, Polonia, donde Santa Faustina entró al convento. Habremos visitado el temido campo de concentración nazi, Auschwitz, donde San Maximiliano Kolbe ofreció su vida para que otro pudiera vivir. Habremos visitado el famoso santuario mariano de Nuestra Señora de Czestochowa (digamos que 10 veces más rápido) donde el Papa Juan Pablo II a menudo visitaba y oraba por guía.

Las vidas de estos santos nos inspiran a poner toda nuestra confianza en Jesucristo. María, nuestra madre espiritual, quiere ayudarnos a crecer en la confianza. Podemos enfrentar muchas dificultades y sufrimientos en nuestra vida. Podemos sentirnos tentados a desanimarnos. Deje que las poderosas palabras de la imagen de la Divina Misericordia se conviertan en nuestra oración diaria: ¡Jesús, confío en ti!

*"Cualquiera que te dé un vaso de agua para beber porque perteneces a Cristo, Amén, te digo, seguramente no perderás su recompensa".*

El evangelio nos recuerda la importancia de los gestos aparentemente simples. Una taza de agua ... una palabra amable ... sacar la basura ... vaciar el lavavajillas ... una simple llamada telefónica ... hecho por amor a Cristo es una manera de mantener nuestra conexión con Cristo. Estos gestos simples son formas en que mostramos caridad y misericordia a los demás. Es una práctica simple estar consciente de la necesidad de otro y hacer una acción que pueda ayudarlos.

Es demasiado fácil para todos nosotros centrarnos en nuestras propias necesidades y descuidar las necesidades de los demás. ¿Dónde podría tener la oportunidad de hacer un acto de misericordia para alguien esta semana?

¡Les veo la próxima semana!

P. Keith



**Easton Area Catholic Youth Group  
Youth Group Calendar/Events**

**Youth Group Meeting**

October 7<sup>th</sup>

7:00 in Our Lady of Mercy Hall

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**See the Easton Area Catholic Youth Group  
on Facebook  
for updated details**



**Fall Festival**

**WELCOME ALL PARISH YOUTH**

Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00-8:30

in Our Lady of Mercy Hall

(132 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street)



**All Parish Youth in Grades 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades**

of St. Anthony of Padua and Our Lady of Mercy  
Churches are invited to join us.



**PREP NEWS**

**There will be no PREP classes**

**Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>,**

**due to a Teacher's Meeting.**

**\*\*8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class  
will still have Class\*\***

**YOUTH LECTORS**

Has your child ever voiced an interest in proclaiming  
the Word of God during Mass?



We are beginning a new

**Youth Lector Program**

This program will allow youth in

5<sup>th</sup> Grade or higher

to proclaim the Word of God at Mass.

Youth lectors will be assigned with an adult lector at  
mass.

For more information about become a youth lector,  
please call Mrs. DeRaymond at the Parish Center.



**Confirmation News**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat**

Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

From 9 - 1:00

**In in Our Lady of Mercy Hall**

Students will be attending 10:30 am Mass  
together

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**Our Faith & Our Family**

All PREP Parents and Parish family members are  
invited to join us for **Our Faith & Our Family**

There will be 3 Sessions

October 14<sup>th</sup> - December 16<sup>th</sup>

April 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:10 – 10:10

February 10<sup>th</sup> is our Classroom Visit

St. Anthony's School Hall

**October's Theme is:**

**The Sex Abuse Scandal Forum**

**Our Faith and Our Family** is a series that focuses on  
topics of faith and contemporary issues that directly  
affect the lives of our families of faith. The goal is to  
provide a forum for catholic to learn about and  
discuss their faith.

***Coffee and Donuts will be served***

**Focus on the Family Mass**

In connection with Our Faith & Our Family Series, we  
will be having a Family Mass

The Mass will be at the 8:00 a.m. mass

on the weekend of

Our Faith & Our Family

(October 14<sup>th</sup>)

We would like to have families involved

We will be looking for volunteers

of one parent and child who will be willing

to do the readings for the Mass or the Prayer of the  
Faithful. If you would be willing to help in this special  
way at mass, please, contact Kelly DeRaymond at the

Parish center



**Grupo de jóvenes católicos de Easton**  
**Calendario / eventos del grupo juvenil**

**Reunión del Grupo Juvenil**  
7 de octubre

7:00 en el salón de Nuestra Señora de la Misericordia  
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**Ver el área Católica de Easton**  
**Grupo de jóvenes en Facebook**  
**para detalles actualizados**



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**Festival de Otoño**

**BIENVENIDOS A TODA JUVENTUD PARROQUIAL**

Domingo, 21 de octubre a las 7: 00-8: 30  
en el salón de Nuestra Señora de la Misericordia  
(Calle Sur del sur 5)

**Todos los jóvenes de la parroquia en los grados 7 ° a 12 °**  
de San Antonio de Padua y de Nuestra Señora de la Merced.  
Las iglesias están invitadas a unirse a nosotros.



**NOTICIAS PREP**

**No habrá clases PREP**  
**Domingo, 7 de octubre,**  
**debido a una reunión de maestros.**  
**\*\* 8vo grado tendrá clase \*\***

**JÓVENES LECTORES**

¿Alguna vez su hijo ha expresado interés en proclamar la Palabra de Dios durante la Misa?

Estamos comenzando un nuevo  
**Programa Lector Juvenil**  
Este programa permitirá a los jóvenes entrar  
5º grado o superior  
para proclamar la Palabra de Dios en la misa

A los lectores juveniles se les asignará un lector adulto en la misa.

Para obtener más información sobre cómo convertirse en lector de jóvenes, por favor llame a la Sra. DeRaymond en el Centro Parroquial.



**Confirmación Noticias**

**Retiro de Confirmación de 8 ° Grado**

Domingo, 21 de octubre  
De 9 a 1:00

**En en el Salón de Nuestra Señora de la Misericordia**  
Los estudiantes asistirán a las 10:30 am Misa juntos

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**Nuestra fe y nuestra familia**

Todos los padres de PREP y miembros de la familia de la parroquia están invitados a unirse a nosotros para **Nuestra**

**Fe y Nuestra Familia**

Habrà 3 sesiones

14 de octubre - 16 de diciembre

28 de abril de 9:10 a 10:10

10 de febrero es nuestra visita al aula

Salón de la escuela de San Antonio

**El tema de octubre es:**

**El Foro del escándalo de abuso sexual**

**Nuestra Fe y Nuestra Familia** es una serie que se enfoca en temas de fe y asuntos contemporáneos que afectan directamente las vidas de nuestras familias de fe. El objetivo es proporcionar un foro para que los católicos aprendan y debatan sobre su fe.

**Café y Donuts serán servidos**

**Enfoque en la misa familiar**

En conexión con Nuestra Fe y Nuestra Serie Familiar, tendremos una Misa Familiar

La misa será a las 8:00 a.m. masa  
en el fin de semana de  
Nuestra fe y nuestra familia  
(14 de octubre)

Nos gustaría tener familias involucradas  
Estando buscando voluntarios  
de uno de los padres y el niño que estarán dispuestos para hacer las lecturas de la Misa o la Oración de los Fieles. Si desea ayudar de esta manera especial en misa, contáctese con Kelly DeRaymond en el centro parroquial

**Legión de María**

Les invitamos a participar en el grupo de la Legión de María. Nos reunimos todos los sábados a las 3:30 a 5:00pm, en el Saints of América cuarto abajo en la Parroquia. Están cordialmente invitados a participar y cooperar con la expansión del Reinado de Nuestro Señor. ¡Les esperamos!



**Food donations** will be collected the First Sunday of every month. We appreciate your help!



OLOM Parish is participating in the Priority Staples Program to donate cereal.

However, there is a monthly Wish List posted in the rear of the church. If you are able, please donate.

We will collect on the first Sunday of every month. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity!



**Looking to increase your faith?**

Check out our Lighthouse Catholic Media kiosks. For a small donation, we have books and CD's to increase your spirituality.

Some titles include: *Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Heaven*, *Seven Last Sayings of Christ*,

*Bible Basics for Catholics*,

*El Santo Rosario*,

*Los Siete Sacramentos*, and *Plenamente Tu*

Stop by today and pick something up for you or someone you love. Many other topics available.

**Questions for the Bishop**

As Bishop Alfred Schlert has been visiting parishes around the Diocese in the weeks following the release of the Grand Jury Report, many people have stayed to ask him questions. Now we're giving you the same opportunity, anyone with questions about the clergy sexual abuse issue is invited to e-mail them to [abusequestions@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:abusequestions@allentowndiocese.org). The Diocese will edit questions for clarity, length and appropriateness. Please include your name and hometown. On the website, we will identify questioners by their first name and hometown, unless you want that information withheld. We will not reveal your e-mail address or last name.

**Preguntas para el Obispo**

Como el Obispo Alfred Schlert ha estado visitando las parroquias de la Diócesis en las semanas posteriores al lanzamiento del Gran Jurado, muchas personas se han quedado para hacerle preguntas. Ahora le damos la misma oportunidad; cualquier persona que tenga preguntas sobre el tema del abuso sexual del clero está invitada a enviarlas por correo electrónico a [abusequestions@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:abusequestions@allentowndiocese.org). La Diócesis editará las preguntas para mayor claridad, duración e idoneidad. Por favor incluya su nombre y ciudad natal. En el sitio web, identificaremos a los interrogados por su nombre y ciudad de origen, a menos que desee que se oculte esa información. No revelaremos su dirección de correo electrónico o su apellido.

**#1 WIN #2 WIN #3 WIN**

- #1. Shop, earn and save by becoming a Redner's Rewards shopper. This is a free program that you earn bonus points for either a discount on your gasoline purchase or a discount on your grocery order. Simply ask for a Redner's Rewards card at the local Redner's and show it each time you shop.
- #2. The Catholic Daughters of the America's, Court Easton #358, will be collecting Redner's Rewards cash register tapes as an on-going fundraiser to support local seminarians. A box will be in the back of the church for you to place your Redner's Rewards receipts. Redner's will make a donation to The CDA based on the total collected receipts.
- #3. **AND** – you can purchase Redner's gift cards for your shopping at the Scrip table. OLOM makes 5% on each dollar.

*New Parishioners Welcome!*  
**Please see the Priest after Mass**





**Catholic Daughters/Boscov's:**

Boscov's will be holding their 'Friends Helping Friends' sale on Tuesday, October 16. Catholic Daughters are selling the 25% off coupons that can be used that day on your purchases and make you eligible for prize drawings. Your \$5 donation for the coupon is for the benefit of our organization. See Pat Bleam or Sally Lerch for coupons!

**Saint Anthony of Padua Relics to Visit**  
 St. Anthony of Padua will be visiting us on Thursday, October 11, 2018, in the form of two precious relics from his Basilica in Padua, Italy. The relics will be accompanied by Friar Mario Conte from the Messenger of St. Anthony in Padua.  
 Veneration of the relics will take place at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena following the 8:00 A.M. Mass until 1:00 P.M. The relics will be available for veneration at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Easton from 5:00 to 9:00 P.M. Questions can be directed to the Office of Adult Formation by emailing [adultformation@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:adultformation@allentowndiocese.org) or calling (610)289-8900, Ext. 2021.

**Online Giving**

Did you know that we offer online giving? It's as simple as 1, 2, 3....

1. Go to our website: [www.olomercy.com](http://www.olomercy.com)
2. Click on Online Giving tab (bottom right)
3. Set up an account in a few steps

Questions? Click on FAQ's or contact Tammy, our Financial Secretary 610-252-7381

**Budgeted Sunday Offering \$6,700.00**  
**Actual: Sep 22<sup>th</sup> & Sep 23<sup>th</sup> - \$5,966.25**

**Oferta presupuestada de domingo \$6,700.00**  
**Actual: 22 & 23 de setiembre - \$5,966.25**

**Choir Notes**



Saturday October 6 – Contemporary Choir sings for Mass  
 Thursday October 11 – Parish Choir rehearsal 7:30 pm  
 Saturday October 13 – Parish Choir sings for Mass  
 Thursday October 18 – Rehearsal for Confirmation 7:30 pm  
 Thursday October 25 – Parish Choir rehearsal 7:30 pm  
 Sunday October 28 – Parish Choir sings for Mass

**Holy Family School Hosts Roaring '20s-themed Gala**

Holy Family School will be hosting its first HFS Annual Gala from 6-10:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 10 in the church's brand-new parish center. The theme of the fundraiser is the Roaring '20s, so feel free to come as you are or dress up in a Zoot suit or flapper dress. Guests will enjoy a mix of dining, dancing and gambling at the casino-style tables with wonderful prizes for the winners.  
 You can be a part of this fun evening – just purchase a ticket or two, be a sponsor or donate a raffle prize. Let your imagination be your guide as you consider prize ideas. No sponsorship or donation is too small, and all are greatly appreciated. Please visit <https://sites.google.com/view/hfsannualgala> for more information on sponsorship opportunities or tickets. To purchase tickets by mail, call the school at 610-759-5642, ext. 118 or by email to [porter@holyfamily-edu.org](mailto:porter@holyfamily-edu.org). See you there!

**IHM Sisters Oktoberfest**

The annual IHM Oktoberfest will be held on: Saturday, October 6 from 10 am - 3 pm on the grounds of Camilla Hall, located in Immaculata, PA. Join us for a fun-filled day of delicious food, crafts, children's games, white elephant flea market, and entertainment. Proceeds benefit Camilla Hall Nursing Home for the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM).

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM THE WOMEN'S GUILD

Beginning in October, a Mass will be offered each month for all those parishioners having a birthday in that month.

The first one will be October 14 at 8:00 a.m. for all our October birthdays.

## FELIZ CUMPLEAÑOS DE EL GUILD DE LAS MUJERES

A partir de octubre, se ofrecerá una misa todos los meses para todos los feligreses que cumplan años en ese mes.

El primero será el 14 de octubre a las 8:00 a.m. para todos nuestros cumpleaños de octubre.

### ICF 102 – The Old Testament

The Bible is God's revelation of Himself to His creation and the story of His love for us. This course will provide a brief introduction to the origin of Sacred Scripture: its source, how the Canon was formed, and the senses in which we can interpret Scripture. The remainder of the course will focus on the Old Testament: the creation of the earth and God's covenant of love with the human person, the fall into sin, and the revelation, over time, of God's plan of salvation. This course will be presented by **Rick Dooley** and is scheduled from 7:00 PM-9:00 PM, on Tuesdays, October 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2018 at **St. Francis Center for Renewal, Bethlehem**. Cost: \$30.

### Spiritual Combat: Armed with the Spirit

This year's Diocesan Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 5p.m. at DeSales University. The day will include keynote address, exhibits and a Vigil Mass with The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, Bishop of Allentown. Continental breakfast and lunch are included. General admission is \$40, and the High School/College rate is \$15. For more information or to register visit [www.allentowndiocese.org/mens-conference](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/mens-conference)

Questions can be directed to [mensconference@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:mensconference@allentowndiocese.org) or call (610) 289-8900, Ext. 2028

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7; Lc 9:46-50

**Tuesday:** Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10

**Wednesday:** Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15; Lk 9:57-62

**Thursday:** Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12

**Friday:** Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16

**Saturday:** Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

**Sunday:** Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 or Mk 10:2-12

### Saturday October 13,

**2018 Helper's Pilgrimage:** Please join **Fr. Keith Laskowski** and the Helpers of God's Precious Infants at a Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn and all those involved in abortion. **The pilgrimage** begins with Mass at 8:00 AM at Notre Dame Church of Bethlehem, 1861 Catasauqua Road and continues with The Rosary at the abortion facility located at 31 South Commerce Way in the Bethlehem Industrial Park. **The Mission: That through prayer, peaceful presence, and fasting we may be God's instruments in the salvation of souls, so that innocent lives will be saved from abortion.** Be part of the call to bring God's everlasting, unconditional love to those involved in abortion that their hearts may be converted and receive God's gift of life with joy. Contact Info: [610-674-4624facebook.com/Helpers-of-Gods-Precious-Infants-of-Allentown](https://www.facebook.com/Helpers-of-Gods-Precious-Infants-of-Allentown)

Every child is taught the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Glory Be when they are young. But the

Church has a treasury of prayers from her tradition. Each month we would like to highlight a specific prayer and invite you to pray it each day or even to memorize it where it will be secure within

your memory.

### Prayer For Healing Victims of Abuse

God of endless love,  
ever caring, ever strong,  
always present, always just:  
You gave your only Son  
to save us by the blood of his cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,  
join to your own suffering  
the pain of all who have been hurt  
in body, mind, and spirit  
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear our cries as we agonize  
over the harm done to our brothers and sisters.  
Breathe wisdom into our prayers,  
soothe restless hearts with hope,  
steady shaken spirits with faith:  
Show us the way to justice and wholeness,  
enlightened by truth and enfolded in your  
mercy.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,  
heal your people's wounds  
and transform our brokenness.  
Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and  
grace,  
so that we may act with justice  
and find peace in you.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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A cada niño se le enseña el Padrenuestro, el Avemaría y la Gloria cuando son pequeños. Pero la Iglesia tiene un tesoro de oraciones de su tradición. Cada mes quisiéramos resaltar una oración específica e invitarlo a orarla todos los días o incluso a memorizarla en un lugar seguro dentro de su memoria.

### Oración para Sanar a Víctimas de Abuso

Dios de amor sin fin,  
siempre cariñoso, siempre fuerte,  
siempre presente, siempre justo:  
Tu diste a tu único Hijo  
para salvarnos por la sangre de su cruz.

Gentil Jesús, pastor de la paz,  
únete a tu propio sufrimiento  
el dolor de todos los que han sido heridos  
en cuerpo, mente y espíritu  
por aquellos que traicionaron la confianza  
puesta en ellos.

Escucha nuestros gritos mientras agonizamos  
sobre el daño hecho a nuestros hermanos y  
hermanas.

Inspira sabiduría en nuestras oraciones,  
calma los corazones inquietos con esperanza,  
espíritus sacudidos con fe:  
Muéstranos el camino hacia la justicia y la  
integridad,  
iluminado por la verdad y envuelto en tu  
misericordia.

Espíritu Santo, consolador de corazones,  
cura las heridas de tu pueblo  
y transforma nuestro quebrantamiento  
Danos valor y sabiduría, humildad y gracia,  
para que podamos actuar con justicia  
y encontrar la paz en ti.

Te lo pedimos por medio de Cristo, nuestro  
Señor. Amen.

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