

OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH PARROQUIA NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LA MERCED

Through Fellowship, Evangelization, Worship & Stewardship - Reaching Out With Love
A través del Compañerismo, la Evangelización, la Adoración y la Mayordomía - Alcanzando Con Amor

JANUARY/ENERO 10, 2021 | BAPTISM OF THE LORD

PARISH OFFICE

OFICINA PARROQUIAL

Address: 132 S. Fifth Street
Easton, PA 18042

Hours: Mon-Thurs. 8:30am - 3:30pm
(except Holidays) Closed Friday

MASS SCHEDULE

HORARIO DE MISAS

All Weekday Masses

Space for 120 people
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - 8:00 a.m.
(No 8 a.m. Mass on Wednesday)
Mon, Wed, Thu & Fri - 12:10 pm
(No 12:10 p.m. Mass on Tuesday)
Wednesday/Miércoles
7:00 p.m. Español
First Saturday of Month-8:00 am

All Saturday Vigil Masses

Space for 120 people
4:30 p.m. English

All Sunday/Domingo Masses

Space for 120 people
8:00 a.m. English
10:00 a.m. English
12:00 p.m. Español

CONFESSIONS

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During Adoration time (see below)
Saturday/Sabado 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.
Or call the office to schedule an
appointment. O llame a la oficina
para agendar una cita

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

ADORACIÓN DEL BENDITO SACRAMENTO

Tue and Thu, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

DÍA SANTO DE OBLIGACIÓN

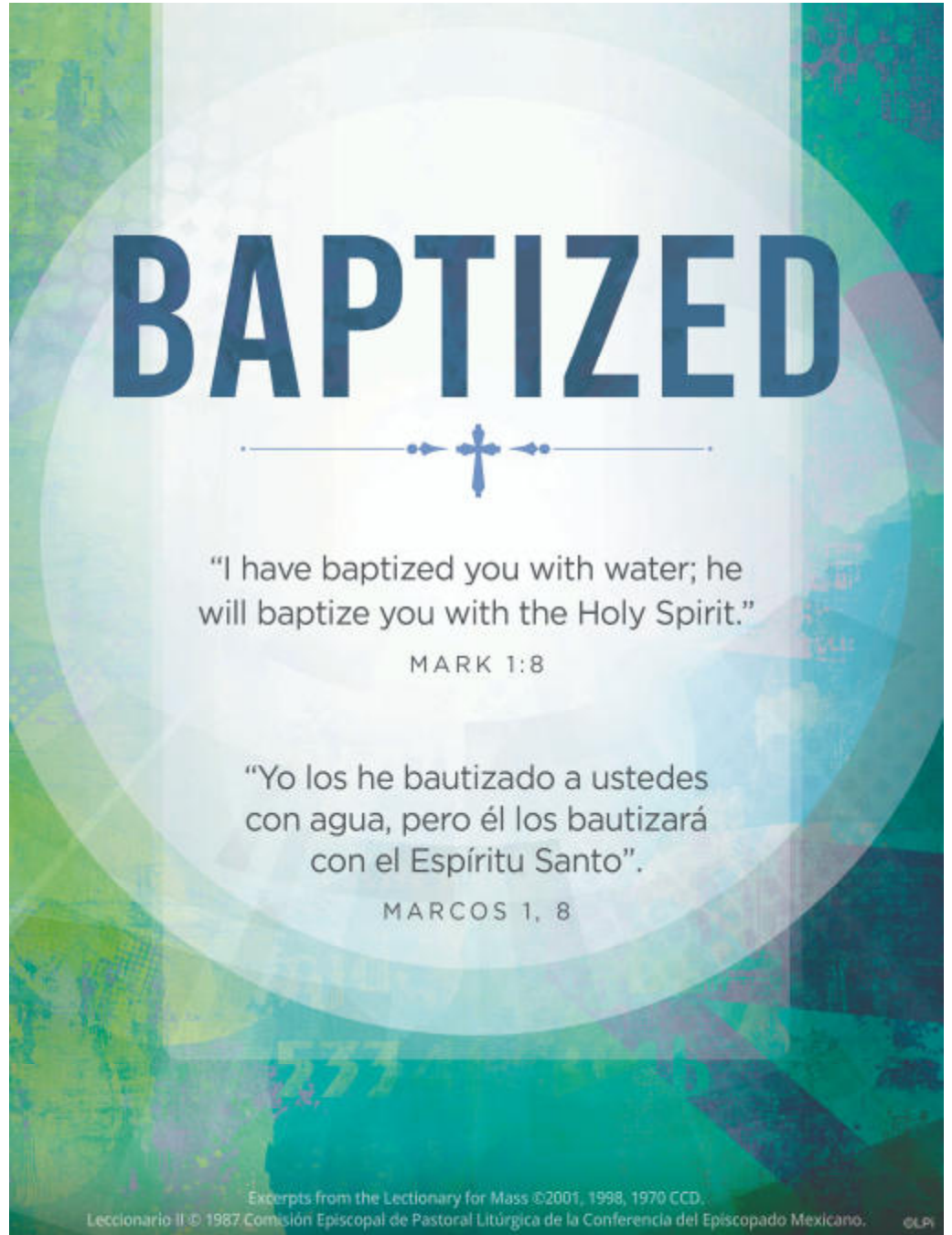
Holy Day Vigil: 7 pm Bilingual/Spanish
Holy Day: 8 am & 12:10 pm & 7 pm

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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.

DECLARACIÓN DE MISIÓN PARROQUIAL

La misión de la parroquia Nuestra Señora de la Merced es amar y servir a Dios y a nuestro prójimo siendo una comunidad católica romana multicultural cálida y acogedora, mostrando misericordia a todos en cada etapa de la vida y construyendo el Reino de Dios a través del compañerismo. evangelización, adoración y mayordomía.



PRAYER & WORSHIP / ORACIÓN & ADORACIÓN

PASTORAL STAFF/PERSONAL PASTORAL

Pastor:

Rev. Keith Laskowski

Permanent Deacon:

Jose Santos

Catholic Ministry to the Sick:

Rev. Elias D. Munyaneza, A.J.

Finance Manager:

Mrs. Tammy Reid

Parish Secretary:

Mrs. Anayeli Jimenez

PREP Coordinator and Easton Area

Catholic Youth Group:

Mrs. Kelly DeRaymond

Liturgy & Adult Faith Formation:

Mrs. Karen Corpora

Parish Music Director:

Mr. James Convery

Cemetery Coordinator:

Mrs. Linda Moyer

BAPTISM/BAUTISMO:

(Pre-registration required
Pre-registración requerida)

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. Llamar a la Oficina
Parroquial para agendar su cita, por
lo menos con 6 meses de anticipo.

RECONCILIATION/RECONCILIACIÓN

Tue and Thu, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday/Miércoles 6:00-6:45 pm
Saturday/Sábado 3:30-4:15 pm or by
appointment any time. O con cita
previa, en cualquier momento.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK/ MINISTERIO A LOS ENFERMOS

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:

Sunday/Domingo 9:00-10:10 am
Grades 1-8 at St. Anthony For
information call: Kelly DeRaymond at
the Parish Center.

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR/COORDINADORA DIOCESANA DE ASISTENCIA A VÍCTIMAS:

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

OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT/OFICINA DE AMBIENTE SEGURO: Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS Telephone:
(610) 871-5200 Ext. 2204 Secretary Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538
prusso@allentowndiocese.org <https://www.allentowndiocese.org/youth-protection>



SATURDAY/SÁBADO, JAN. 9— CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

4:30 pm Helen Bosevich [Marie Bosevich]

SUNDAY/DOMINGO, JAN. 10 — BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:00 am Andrew Hutchinson 11th. Anniversary [Mary Jane Bowen]

10:00 am Thomas Bain [Jeff & Ann Lerch Family]

12:00 pm Douglas Angel [Family]

MONDAY/LUNES, JAN. 11 — WEEKDAY

8:00 am John Koegler [Karen Corpora]

12:10 pm Mary Mullaghy [Lois & Carmen DeFrancesco]

TUESDAY/MARTES, JAN. 12 — WEEKDAY

8:00 am Pat Clarke [Steve & Kathy Wallo]

WEDNESDAY/MIÉRCOLES, JAN. 13 — WEEKDAY

12:10 pm Mary Fida [Family]

7:00 pm Christopher Peraza [Ana & Jose Cabrera]

THURSDAY/JUEVES, JAN. 14 — WEEKDAY

8:00 am Chris Arena [Caramia Scarmato]

12:10 pm Josephine Smull [Eppie Smull]

FRIDAY/VIERNES, JAN. 15 — WEEKDAY

8:00 am Dorothy Kohler [Ron & Sally]

12:10 pm Patrick Clarke [OLOM Women's Guild]

SATURDAY/SÁBADO, JAN. 16— WEEKDAY

4:30 pm People of the Parish

SUNDAY/DOMINGO, JAN. 17 — SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am Parishioners with January Birthdays [OLOM Women's Guild]

10:00 am Joseph Weiss [John Weiss]

12:00 pm Emily Cruz Birthday [Ana Cruz]

YOUTH GROUP / GRUPO DE JOVENES

EASTON AREA CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP

Gallows' Hill Gang Come hang around with us

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



Baptism of the Lord • Mark 1:7-11

GRUPO DE JOVENES CATOLICO DEL AREA DE ESTON

Gallows 'Hill Gang Ven a pasar el rato con nosotros

Para detalles actualizados ver en Facebook Grupo de Jóvenes Católicos del Área de Easton



Tonight, January 10th from 6:30-8:30
Pasta and drinks will be provided.***Everyone is asked to bring cookies to share.***Anyone who would like to participate in the gift exchange should bring a \$5.00 gift. It should be a wrapped uni-sexed gift. (for a guy or girl).

Hoy, Domingo 10 de enero de 6: 30-8: 30 Se proporcionará pasta y bebidas. *** Se les pide a todos que traigan galletas para compartir. *** Cualquiera que desee participar en el intercambio de regalos debe traer un regalo de \$ 5.00. Debe ser un regalo envuelto unisexo. (para un chico o una chica).

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR



The Collection totaled over 2123 pounds of food. That is over a ton. At least 94 families participated. Many people will be feed, due to your efforts.

La colección totalizó más de 2123 libras de comida. Eso es más de una tonelada. Participaron al menos 94 familias. Mucha gente será alimentada debido a tus esfuerzos.

1ST. PENANCE NEWS

1st Penance Parent's Meeting
Sunday, January 17



(snow date: Sunday, January 24th) 9:10 am
in St. Anthony of Padua School Hall
(At least 1 parent NEEDS to attend)
In-Person or Live Streamed

NOTICIAS DE 1ER. PENITENCIA

1ra Reunión de Padres de Penitencia
Domingo 17 de enero
(fecha de nieve: domingo 24 de enero) 9:10 am
en el salón de la escuela St. Anthony of Padua
(Al menos 1 padre NECESITA asistir) En persona o virtual

PARISH PRAYER JANUARY

Prayer During Coronavirus

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen."

-Archbishop Jose Gomez

ORACIÓN PARROQUIAL ENERO

Oración Durante el Coronavirus

Virgen Santísima de Guadalupe, Reina de los Ángeles y Madre de las Américas. Acudimos a ti hoy como tus amados hijos. Te pedimos que intercedas por nosotros con tu Hijo, como lo hiciste en las bodas de Caná.

Ruega por nosotros, Madre amorosa, y obtén para nuestra nación, nuestro mundo, y para todas nuestras familias y seres queridos, la protección de tus santos ángeles, para que podamos salvarnos de lo peor de esta enfermedad.

Para aquellos que ya están afectados, te pedimos que les concedas la gracia de la sanación y la liberación.

Escucha los gritos de aquellos que son vulnerables y temerosos, seca sus lágrimas y ayúdalos a confiar.

En este tiempo de dificultad y prueba, enseñanos a todos en la Iglesia a amarnos los unos a los otros y a ser pacientes y amables.

Ayúdanos a llevar la paz de Jesús a nuestra tierra y a nuestros corazones. Acudimos a ti con confianza, sabiendo que realmente eres nuestra madre compasiva, la salud de los enfermos y la causa de nuestra alegría.

Refúgianos bajo el manto de tu protección, mantenos en el abrazo de tus brazos, ayúdanos a conocer siempre el amor de tu Hijo, Jesús. Amen."

-Arzobispo Jose Gomez

Last Wednesday, Bishop Schlert ordained Juan Eduardo Rodriguez to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. Fr. Juan is an amazing man. He struggled this past year when his father died from the COVID virus while in the Dominican Republic. He is a man of faith and perseverance. As the need for priests continually increases in our Diocese, the Bishop decided to ordain him on January 6 which is traditionally the feast of the Epiphany. Please pray for Fr. Juan Eduardo Rodriguez as he begins his ministry of service to the people of the Diocese of Allentown.

As I reflect on this gift to our Diocese, I am reminded of the challenging task to living this sacrament of Holy Orders. A priest is a human being susceptible to temptation and sin like every human being. Sadly, we have seen the ugliness of the sins of priests and the damage it causes to so many people. We continually pray for healing in the Church. A priest is called to reflect Jesus Christ in various aspects of ministry. Reflecting on the life of Christ, I have found these identities to be helpful. First, a priest is a beloved son. He is called to be chaste spouse. He is called to be a spiritual father. He is called to be a spiritual physician. He is called to be a good shepherd. With the grace of God and his cooperation, a priest strives to live these identities in his daily ministry. Through the Holy Spirit, a priest is given a power to forgive sins and to consecrate bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. A priest is called to serve the People of God and to assist them in their spiritual journey. Please keep me and my brother priests in your prayers.

Today is the feast of the Baptism of our Lord. This feast closes out the Christmas season and begins the public ministry of Jesus. The Gospel of Mark presents a beautiful scene. The Spirit descending upon Jesus like a dove and a voice from heaven says, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Jesus is confirmed in his identity. Before Jesus does anything, Jesus is confirmed in his identity as a beloved Son. This is so important for us as Christians. At our own Baptism, we are adopted into the family of God. The Baptism of Jesus gives us an image of what invisibly occurs at our own Baptism. The Holy Spirit descends into our soul and God the Father says to each of us, "You are my beloved son/daughter; with you I am well pleased." How many of us reflect on that truth? Before we do anything, we are loved by God as his own. When we believe that truth, our lives take on new meaning.

We are part of the family of God. Jesus empowers us to continue his mission as members of the Body of Christ. The Holy Spirit dwells in us. Wow! We are never alone! Just as Christ grew and developed, we must grow and develop in our friendship with Him!

Have a great week!

Fr. Keith

El miércoles pasado, el obispo Schlert ordenó a Juan Eduardo Rodríguez al sacerdocio de Jesucristo. P. Juan es un hombre asombroso. Luchó el año pasado cuando su padre murió a causa del virus COVID mientras estaba en la República Dominicana. Es un hombre de fe y perseverancia. Como la necesidad de sacerdotes aumenta continuamente en nuestra Diócesis, el Obispo decidió ordenarlo el 6 de enero, que es tradicionalmente la fiesta de la Epifanía. Por favor ore por el P. Juan Eduardo Rodríguez al comenzar su ministerio de servicio a la gente de la Diócesis de Allentown.

Al reflexionar sobre este regalo a nuestra Diócesis, recuerdo la desafiante tarea de vivir este sacramento del Orden Sagrado. Un sacerdote es un ser humano susceptible a la tentación y al pecado como todo ser humano. Lamentablemente, hemos visto lo feo de los pecados de los sacerdotes y el daño que causa a tanta gente. Oramos continuamente por la curación en la Iglesia. Un sacerdote está llamado a reflejar a Jesucristo en varios aspectos del ministerio. Reflexionando sobre la vida de Cristo, he encontrado que estas identidades son útiles. Primero, un sacerdote es un hijo amado. Está llamado a ser un esposo casto. Está llamado a ser un padre espiritual. Está llamado a ser médico espiritual. Está llamado a ser un buen pastor. Con la gracia de Dios y su cooperación, un sacerdote se esfuerza por vivir estas identidades en su ministerio diario. A través del Espíritu Santo, un sacerdote recibe el poder de perdonar los pecados y de consagrar el pan y el vino en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Jesucristo. Un sacerdote está llamado a servir al Pueblo de Dios y ayudarlo en su camino espiritual. Por favor, mantengan a mis hermanos sacerdotes y a mí en sus oraciones.

Hoy es la fiesta del Bautismo de Nuestro Señor. Esta fiesta cierra la temporada navideña y comienza el ministerio público de Jesús. El Evangelio de Marcos presenta una hermosa escena. El Espíritu que desciende sobre Jesús como paloma y una voz del cielo dice: "Tú eres mi Hijo amado; contigo estoy muy complacido". Jesús se confirma en su identidad. Antes de que Jesús haga algo, Jesús es confirmado en su identidad como Hijo amado. Esto es muy importante para nosotros como cristianos. En nuestro propio bautismo, somos adoptados en la familia de Dios. El bautismo de Jesús nos da una imagen de lo que ocurre invisiblemente en nuestro propio bautismo. El Espíritu Santo desciende a nuestra alma y Dios Padre nos dice a cada uno de nosotros: "Tú eres mi hijo / hija amado; contigo estoy muy complacido". ¿Cuántos de nosotros reflexionamos sobre esa verdad? Antes que hagamos cualquier cosa, Dios nos ama como a él mismo. Cuando creemos en esa verdad, nuestras vidas adquieren un nuevo significado.

Somos parte de la familia de Dios. Jesús nos empodera para continuar su misión como miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo. El Espíritu Santo habita en nosotros. ¡Guauu! ¡Nunca estamos solos! ¡Así como Cristo creció y se desarrolló, nosotros debemos crecer y desarrollar nuestra amistad con Él!

¡Que tenga una gran semana!

P. Keith

WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY: HEB 1:1-6; PS 97:1, 2B, 6, 7C, 9; MK 1:14-20

TUESDAY: HEB 2:5-12; PS 8:2AB, 5, 6-9; MK 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY: HEB 2:14-18; PS 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; MK 1:29-39

THURSDAY: HEB 3:7-14; PS 95:6-7C, 8-9, 10-11; MK 1:40-45

FRIDAY: HEB 4:1-5, 11; PS 78:3, 4BC, 6C-7, 8; MK 2:1-12

SATURDAY: HEB 4:12-16; PS 19:8, 9, 10, 15; MK 2:13-17

SUNDAY: 1 SM 3:3B-10, 19; PS 40:2, 4, 7-8A, 8B-9, 10; 1 COR 6:13C-15A, 17-20; JN 1:35-42

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

LUNES: Heb 1:1-6; Sal 96:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mc 1:14-20

MARTES: Heb 2:5-12; Sal 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mc 1:21-28

MIERCOLES: Heb 2:14-18; Sal 104:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mc 1:29-39

JUEVES: Heb 3:7-14; Sal 94:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mc 1:40-45

VIERNES: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Sal 77:3, 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mc 2:1-12

SABADO: Heb 4:12-16; Sal 18:8, 9, 10, 15; Mc 2:13-17

DOMINGO: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Sal 39:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42



NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

- bow down -

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

- stop bowing -

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

READING 1 IS 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. a bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching. I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in Darkness.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

R. (11b) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Give to the LORD, you sons of God, give to the LORD glory and praise, Give to the LORD the glory due his name; adore the LORD in holy attire.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters, the LORD, over vast waters. The voice of the LORD is mighty; the voice of the LORD is majestic.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The God of glory thunders, and in his temple all say, "Glory!" The LORD is enthroned above the flood; the LORD is enthroned as king forever.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

READING 2 ACTS 10:34-38

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

ALLELUIA CF. JN 1:29

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

R. Alleluia, alleluia

GOSPEL MK 1:7-11

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

READINGS CONTINUED / LECTURAS CONTINUACION

PRIMERA LECTURA IS 42, 1-4. 6-7

Esto dice el Señor: “Miren a mi siervo, a quien sostengo, a mi elegido, en quien tengo mis complacencias. En él he puesto mi espíritu para que haga brillar la justicia sobre las naciones. No gritará, no clamará, no hará oír su voz por las calles; no romperá la caña resquebrajada, ni apagará la mecha que aún humea. Promoverá con firmeza la justicia, no titubeará ni se doblegará hasta haber establecido el derecho sobre la tierra y hasta que las islas escuchen su enseñanza. Yo, el Señor, fiel a mi designio de salvación, te llamé, te tomé de la mano, te he formado y te he constituido alianza de un pueblo, luz de las naciones, para que abras los ojos de los ciegos, saques a los cautivos de la prisión y de la mazmorra a los que habitan en tinieblas”.

SALMO RESPONSORIAL 28, 1A Y 2. 3AC-4. 3B Y 9B-10

R. (11b) Te alabamos, Señor.

Hijos de Dios, glorifiquen al Señor, denle la gloria que merece. Postrados en su templo santo, alabemos al Señor.

R. Te alabamos, Señor. ☩

La voz del Señor se deja oír sobre las aguas torrenciales. La voz del Señor es poderosa, la voz del Señor es imponente.

R. Te alabamos, Señor. ☩

El Dios de majestad hizo sonar el trueno de su voz. El Señor se manifestó sobre las aguas desde su trono eterno.

R. Te alabamos, Señor.

SEGUNDA LECTURA HCH 10, 34-38

En aquellos días, Pedro se dirigió a Cornelio y a los que estaban en su casa, con estas palabras: “Ahora caigo en la cuenta de que Dios no hace distinción de personas, sino que acepta al que lo teme y practica la justicia, sea de la nación que fuere. Él envió su palabra a los hijos de Israel, para anunciarles la paz por medio de Jesucristo, Señor de todos. Ya saben ustedes lo sucedido en toda Judea, que tuvo principio en Galilea, después del bautismo predicado por Juan: cómo Dios ungió con el poder del Espíritu Santo a Jesús de Nazaret, y cómo éste pasó haciendo el bien, sanando a todos los oprimidos por el diablo, porque Dios estaba con él”.

ACLAMACION ANTES DEL EVANGELIO CFR MC 9, 7

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Se abrió el cielo y resonó la voz del Padre, que decía: “Éste es mi Hijo amado; escúchenlo”.

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

EVANGELIO Mc 1, 7-11

En aquel tiempo, Juan predicaba diciendo: “Ya viene detrás de mí uno que es más poderoso que yo, uno ante quien no merezco ni siquiera inclinarme para desatarle la correa de sus sandalias. Yo los he bautizado a ustedes con agua, pero él los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo”.

Por esos días, vino Jesús desde Nazaret de Galilea y fue bautizado por Juan en el Jordán. Al salir Jesús del agua, vio que los cielos se rasgaban y que el Espíritu, en figura de paloma, descendía sobre él. Se oyó entonces una voz del cielo que decía: “Tú eres mi Hijo amado; yo tengo en ti mis complacencias”.



CREDO NICENO

Creo en un solo Dios, Padre todo poderoso, Creador del cielo y de la tierra, de todo lo visible y lo invisible. Creo en un solo Señor, Jesucristo, Hijo unico de Dios, nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos: Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz, Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero, Engendrado, no creado, de la misma naturaleza del Padre, por quien todo fue hecho; que por nosotros, los hombres, y por nuestra salvacion bajo del cielo, *-inclinarse-* y por obra del Espiritu Santo se encarno de Maria, la Virgen, y se hizo hombre; *-dejar de inclinarse-* y por nuestra causa fue crucificado en tiempos de Poncio Pilato; padecio y fue sepultado, y resucito al tercer dia, segun las Escrituras, y subio al cielo, y esta sentado a la derecha del padre; y de nuevo vendra con gloria para juzgar a vivos y muertos, y su reino no tendra fin. Creo en el Espiritu Santo, Señor y dador de vida, que procede del Padre y del Hijo, que con el Padre y el Hijo recibe una misma adoracion y gloria, y que hablo por los profetas. Creo en la Iglesia, que es una, santa, catolica y apostolica. Confieso que hay un solo Bautismo para el perdon de los pecados. Espero la resurreccion de los muertos y la vida del mundo futuro. Amen.

HYMNS / CANTOS

OPENING HYMN: BAPTIZED IN WATER

1. Baptized in water,
Sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
Heirs of salvation,
Trusting his promise,
Faithfully now God's praise we sing.

2. Baptized in water,
Sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
One with his rising,
Freed and forgiven,
Thankfully now God's praise we sing.

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OFFERTORY HYMN: O BREATHE ON ME O BREATH OF GOD

1. O breathe on me, O Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love the things you love,
And do what you would do.

2. O breathe on me, O Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure;
Until my will is one with yours,
To do and to endure.

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COMMUNION HYMN: SEED SCATTERED AND SOWN

Refrain: Seed, scattered and sown, wheat, gathered and grown, bread, broken and shared as one, the Living Bread of God. Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands, one cup that is shared by all; the Living Cup, the Living Bread of God.

1. Is not the bread we break a sharing in our Lord?
Is not the cup we bless the blood of Christ out-poured?

Refrain

2. The seed which falls on rock will wither and will die. The seed within good ground will flower and have life.

Refrain

3. As wheat upon the hills was gathered and was grown, So may the church of God be gathered into one.

Refrain

Text: Didache 9 , 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, Mark 4:3-6; Dan Feiten, © 1987, Ekklesia Music, Inc.

CLOSING HYMN: SING PRAISE TO OUR CREATOR

1. Sing praise to our Creator, redeemed of Adam's race. God's children by adoption, baptized in living grace.

Refrain

O most Holy Trinity, undivided unity. Holy God, mighty God, God immortal be adored.

2. To Jesus Christ give glory, God's co-eternal Son. As members of His body, we are in Christ made one.

Refrain

3. Now praise the Holy Spirit, poured forth upon the earth. Who sanctifies and guides us, confirmed in our rebirth.

Refrain

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Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Oración a San Miguel Arcángel

San Miguel Arcángel, defiéndenos en la batalla. Sé nuestro amparo contra las perversidad y asechanzas del demonio. Reprímale, Dios, pedimos suplicantes, y tu príncipe de la milicia celestial arroja al infierno con el divino poder a Satanás y a los otros espíritus malignos que andan dispersos por el mundo para la perdición de las almas. Amén.

ARE THERE HMOS IN HEAVEN?

A doctor, a nurse, and the top executive of an HMO died and were in line together at the pearly gates. St. Peter asked each one what good they had done in their lives.

The doctor said, "I have devoted my life to the sick and needy and have had a part in caring for and healing thousands of people."

St. Peter replied, "That's great. Go ahead into heaven."

The nurse chimed in, "I have supported the doctor and his patients my entire life as an adult, have taken time to explain things to patients, and have helped them lead healthy lives."

"Wonderful," says St. Peter. "Please proceed in with the doctor."

Then the executive said, "I was the president of a very large health maintenance organization. I was responsible for the healthcare of millions of people all over the country."

St. Peter says, "Oh, I see. Please go on in ... but you can only stay two nights!"

COMING OR GOING?

On the way home from the Ash Wednesday service, a young boy asked his mother, "Is it true that we are made of dust?"

"Yes, darling."

"And do we go back to dust again when we die?"

"Yes, dear."

"Wow!" said the boy. "When I said my prayers last night and looked under the bed, I found someone who is either coming or going!"

JUST A SECOND

Adam: What is a million years like to you?

God: Like one second.

Adam: What is a million dollars like to you?

God: Like one penny.

Adam: Can I have a penny?

God: Sure, just a second.

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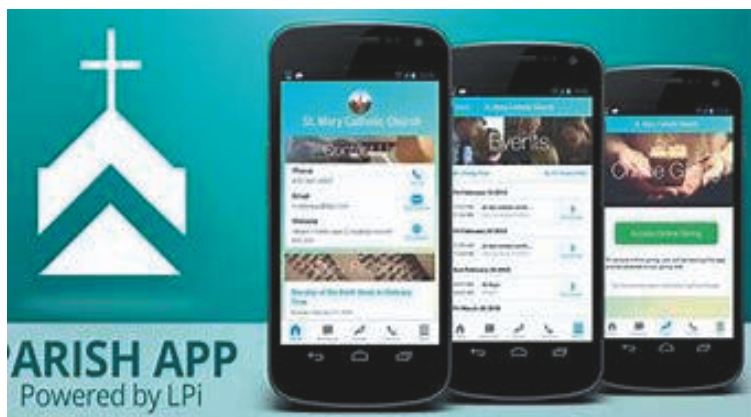
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Fr.Keith needs your help!

Fr. Keith will represent Our Lady of Mercy Parish in COOKS WITH COLLARS, an online cooking competition to raise funds for parishes and Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Allentown. Visit www.cookswithcollars.com to see your favorite priests from around the Diocese creating delicious kitchen concoctions. Vote early and vote often (deadline February 15) for our Diocesan top chef! Each vote is just \$10.00. You can vote as often as you would like. All voting proceeds benefit our parish. Thanks for making Fr.Keith and Our Lady of Mercy Parish a winner!

¡A partir del 15 de enero! ¡P.Keith necesita tu ayuda! P.Keith representará a Nuestra Señora de la Merced en COCINEROS CON CUELLARES, un concurso de cocina en línea para recaudar fondos para parroquias y organizaciones benéficas católicas en la Diócesis de Allentown. Visite www.cookswithcollars.com para ver a sus sacerdotes favoritos de toda la Diócesis creando deliciosos brebajes de cocina. ¡Vote temprano y vote a menudo (fecha de plazo el 15 de febrero) por nuestro mejor chef diocesano! Cada voto cuesta solo \$ 10.00. Puede votar las veces que usted guste. Todas las ganancias de la votación benefician a nuestra parroquia. ¡Gracias por hacer de P. Keith y Nuestra Señora de la Merced un ganador!

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