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Sacramental Ministry and Devotions

Sunday Mass	Saturday, 4:00pm, Sunday 8:00am, and 10:30am
Weekday Mass	Monday, 6:30pm, Tuesday - Thursday 8:00am
Adoration	Monday evening following the 6:30pm Mass (ending at 7:30pm)
Reconciliation	Saturday, 3:00-3:50pm or by appointment

The Sacrament of Marriage: arrangements should be made with the pastor one year prior to the wedding.

The Holy Eucharist will be brought to the seriously ill and the aged monthly and Sundays by a Special Minister of the Eucharist, if requested. Please call the Parish Center.

Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month. Parents should be attending Mass regularly and are expected to attend a pre-baptism class. Classes are held the last Sunday of the month in the Parish Center. Sponsor certificates must be received by the Parish Center before the Baptism is scheduled. Contact the Parish Center to register.

Parish Registration: New members are always welcome. Please call the Parish Center to register.

Address Change: Please notify the Parish Center to update your contact information.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

TODAY'S GOSPEL STORY INVOLVES what we call a miracle. It's hard to think that changing water into wine could be considered anything else. I think that sometimes we get too focused on the fact that Jesus was able to do this.



But focusing simply on the fact that Jesus could, and can, do something can lead us to minimize the breadth and depth of Sacred Scripture. There is far more to it than that.

Whenever Jesus performs a miracle in Sacred Scripture, we can be sure that what Jesus does is as important, and maybe more important than the fact that he can do it. So we need to ask ourselves, what does this particular story reveal to us about God?

There is more than one answer to that question, but I'd like to consider just one today. "Everyone serves the good wine first... but you have kept the good wine until now." Not only does Jesus transform water into something different, something new, something needed in the moment, but the new reality brought about by him is even more incredible than anything that could have been expected. **Jesus became involved in the situation, and everything changed for the better.**

For many of us, our lives may resemble that water, maybe a little tasteless, nothing out of the ordinary, possibly even stagnant, and we yearn for something to change. Today's gospel story is, in a sense, a promise to us: **a promise that insures that nothing need ever remain the same, that better days can always be ahead of us, and that God will get the final say as to how things turn out.**

That should give us a tremendous amount of hope. Whatever needs to change in your life and mine, can – with God's help, of course – and not necessarily in small ways, but in dramatic ways if that's what is needed. However, two things must be present in order for real transformation to be possible. **First, we must sincerely desire it, but second, Jesus must be invited into the situation – into our hearts, into our minds, into the very core of our being.** It is not enough simply to do our part on our journey through life. We must give the Lord the opportunity to do his, by being truly open to all the wonderful things God desires for us – graces that will bring about whatever is best for each of us.

And so today, we bring the Lord the water jars of our lives, filled with whatever needs to be changed, and **with sincere hope and humble hearts we ask him to create us anew,** to bring about new possibilities, a new vision, and new attitudes. As God transforms each of us, may we have the courage to be channels of that same transforming love and power. God always saves the best for last. Let us eagerly await each day God makes that promise become a reality.

God bless you, *Fr. Stan*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday 21	Hebrews 5 Mark 2	1-10 18-22
Tuesday 22	Hebrews 6 Mark 2	10-20 23-28
Wednesday 23	Hebrews 7 Mark 3	1-3, 15-17 1-6
Thursday 24	Hebrews 7 Mark 3	25 – 8:6 7-12
Friday 25	Acts 22 Mark 16	3-16 15-18
Saturday 26	2 Timothy 1 Mark 3	1-8 20-21
Sunday 27	Nehemiah 8 1 Corinthians 12 Luke 1	2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 12-30 1-4, 4:14-21

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday, January 21	6:30pm	Church
<i>Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr</i> Joseph Pascone		
Tuesday, January 22	8:00am	Parish Center
<i>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</i> Grace Oieni, Fourth Anniversary		
Wednesday, January 23	8:00am	Parish Center
<i>Saint Vincent and Saint Marianne Cope</i> John Boscia		
Thursday, January 24	8:00am	Parish Center
<i>Saint Frances deSales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> Ralph Henshaw		
Friday, January 25	No Mass	
<i>The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle</i>		
Saturday, January 26	4:00pm	Church
Sean Toohey		
Sunday, January 27	8:00am	Church
Dominico Bubba The People of the Parish		
Placido Viglianti	10:30am	Church

The Rosary is prayed one-half hour before each Mass.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Budgeted Sunday Offering	\$	7,000.00
Offering for January 13	\$	6,870.00
Twenty-nine week average	\$	6,943.93

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Anthony's Parish is a Roman Catholic Family of Faith, rooted in tradition, centered on the Holy Eucharist, faithful to the Church's teaching, bringing the Light of Christ to each other and to our community.

PARISH LIFE

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Saturday January 26 4:00 PM

Sacristan	J. Kavcak		
Extraordinary Ministers	J. Piagesi	J. Schinstine	M. Pritchard A. Pritchard
Lector	M. Hollingsworth		
Servers	A. Nicolosi	M. Vacaro	
Cantor	B, Vacaro		

Sunday January 27 8:00 AM

Sacristan	L. Desmond		
Extraordinary Ministers	M. Azzalina	J. Allshouse	R. Allshouse
Lector	A. Pritchard	J. Desmond	
Servers	J. Costenbader	J. Mowad	
Cantor	C. DeRaymond		

Sunday January 27 10:30 AM

Sacristan	J. Reidda		
Extraordinary Ministers	J. Martin	T. Martin	J. Nicolosi
Lector	M. Smith		
Servers	N. Vigilanti	J. Vigilanti	
Cantor	J. Arrizza		

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Coffee and the Word Parish Center	Tuesday, January 22 9:00am
Baptism Class Parish Center	Sunday, January 27 After the 10:30am Mass

CANDLE INTENTIONS

SANCTUARY LAMP (CHURCH)

In loving memory of **Jim Tomaino** requested by sister, Marcia Mowad and Family

SAINT JUDE

In loving memory of **special intention** requested by Josie Conrad

THE BLESSED MOTHER (CHURCH)

In loving memory of **Laurent Roberge** requested by daughter

SAINT ANTHONY

In loving memory of **Elizabeth Dominguez** requested by nephew, Joe and Sandy

SAINT JOSEPH

In loving memory of **Ralph Henshaw** requested by daughter Kate

SAN PLACIDO

In loving memory of **Virginia Roscioli** requested by Jim and Family

PADRE PIO

In loving memory of **Samuel A. Scalzo** requested by wife Betty

SAINT MARIA GORETTI

The candle before the statue of Saint Maria Goretti burns for those **victims of sexual abuse.**

RECENTLY DECEASED

In the sure and certain hope of the resurrection, we pray for **Beatrice Dragotta and Salvatore J. Cappadona**

PAYER REQUESTS



If you would like to have someone included in the parish prayers, or if you would like to become a "prayer warrior," contact Rose, jimrose2@ptd.net

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PRIESTS

This week we pray for the following: Rev. Floyd Caesar, Jr., Rev. Msgr. Aloysius R. Callaghan, Rev. E. Michael Camilli, MSC, Rev. Msgr. John S. Campbell, Rev. William T. Campion, Rev. Thomas A. Carney, MSC, Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Chaback, Rev. Msgr. John G. Chizmar, Rev. Donald W. Cieniewicz



PASTORAL VISITS TO THE HOSPITAL

Pastoral Care Upon admission, **please inform the hospital or nursing home** that the one being admitted is from Saint Anthony's Parish, Easton, and that he or she would welcome a visit from a member of our Pastoral Team, then **contact the Parish Center** (610-253-7188) to inform the staff that a parishioner has been admitted to the hospital or nursing home.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We thank **Union Fuel Company** for placing an ad in our bulletin.

PARISH SERVICE OUTREACH DRIVES

Coat Drive for Northampton County Prison

... requests donations of gently used adult coats for both **men and women**. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Center.

Applesauce Drive

As you shop, remember our commitment to providing individual containers of unsweetened applesauce for the children of our Easton Area. You may deposit the applesauce in the bins in the Saints Room.

Safe Harbor Warming Center

... requests donations of wrapped snacks, fresh fruit, and canisters of coffee, and cocoa, as well as all hygiene products. Donations may be dropped off at Safe Harbor anytime before 11:30am and after 1:00pm. Please label wrapped snacks **"For Warming Shelter."**

RCIA JANUARY/FEBRUARY TOPICS



20 | The Eucharist: Part I
27 | The Eucharist: Part II
3 | Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick

The classes meet in the Parish Center, **9:10am – 10:00am** on **Sundays**.

SAVE THE DATE

The **Saint Joseph's Table** is on **Sunday, March 17**. Details for reservations are forthcoming. Make sure you mark your calendar as you do not want to miss this event.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



SACRAMENTS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be on **Saturday, February 2** (snow date, **Sunday, February 9, 10:00am** at Our Lady of Mercy. Pray for our **First Reconciliation** children.

PREP Confession: Father Stan and Father Keith will hear confession for PREP students. 4th and 5th Grades: **Sunday, February 3** and 6th and 7th, **Sunday, February 10.**

Classroom Visitations: As part of the **Our Family and Our Faith** program, parents are invited to visit PREP classes and see the work our children are doing.

Sunday, February 3	6 th and 7 th Grades
Sunday, February 10	Grades 1 - 5

YOUTH GROUP

Snow Tubing

On **January 21** the Youth Group will have a snow tubing event at Blue Mountain. The cost is \$33 (\$30 for the ticket and \$3 for gasoline). If we have 15 people or more, the cost will drop to \$25, so encourage others to attend. Please contact Mrs. DeRaymond for details.

Souper Bowl of Caring



On Super Bowl Sunday Weekend (**February 2 and 3**) the Youth Group will be collecting money for those who are hungry and in need. More information will be published in next week's bulletin.

THE DIOCESE AND THE COMMUNITY

BUS TRIP OPPORTUNITY



Our Lady of Mercy Parish is hosting a bus trip on **Thursday March 14** to **Sight and Sound Theatre** in Lancaster to see **Jesus** live on stage. A bus will leave OLM at **9:15am** and return at **6:15pm**. Tickets cost is \$103 and includes transportation, lunch at Shady Maple, and the performance, **Jesus**. Information and reservations, call Karen Copora, 610-252-7381 or kc8463@aol.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2

Saint Ambrose Women's Club is hosting a bus trip to the **Philadelphia Flower Show**. Departure at **9:00am**. Return at **7:30pm**. Cost, \$62.00 (adults) and \$50.00 (children, 2-16). Reservations and payment are due by January 31, 2019. Checks can be made to the St. Ambrose Women's Auxiliary Club. Questions, contact Karen Holly at 570-573-1608.

BISHOPS' RETREAT



The **United States Bishops** have received a letter from Pope Francis as they gather for a weeklong retreat at the invitation of the Holy Father who has asked all bishops in the United

States to pause in prayer as the Church seeks to respond to the signs of the times. The theme of **"He appointed Twelve, to be with Him and to Send Out to Preach"** is based on Mark 3:14. The structure of the retreat includes time for quiet reflection, including silent meal times, daily Mass, time for personal and communal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, vespers, and an opportunity for confession. No ordinary business is being conducted during the retreat. *Let us pray for our bishops as they discern the will of the Holy Spirit.*

"Bringing peace is central to the mission of Christ's disciples. That peace is offered to all those men and women who long for peace amid the tragedies and violence that mark human history."

— Pope Francis, 2019 World Day of Peace Message

DID YOU KNOW?



Catholics form the largest single religious group in the five counties of the Diocese of Allentown. In the 84 parishes of the Diocese, there are more than 252,000 registered Catholics, representing more than 20 percent of the general population.

CATHOLIC Q & A

Catholic Q&A is a column in **The A.D. Times**. Readers are invited to submit questions about our Catholic faith that will be answered by the Diocese of Allentown Secretariat for Catholic Life and Evangelization. Please email your questions to CLE@allentowndioocese.org.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

The **Diocese of Allentown** provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church.

Confidential telephone number: 800-791-9209

The Wedding Feast at Cana

"Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now" - John 2:10



THE MARRIAGE FEAST AT CANA (John 2:1-11) is the last of the three-part Epiphany of Our Lord. The first is the appearance of the Magi; the second, the Baptism of Our Lord. The sequence of liturgical celebrations fall at the end of the Christmas season. This year, the Epiphany is on January 6th; the Baptism of Our Lord on January 13th, and the Wedding Feast at Cana, on January 20th. While some consider each separate as they are celebrated on different Sundays, many consider these three events part of one three-part set of manifestations that we call the Epiphany.

What happened at the Wedding Feast at Cana?

The transformation of water into wine at the Marriage at Cana is the first miracle attributed to Jesus in the Gospel of John. In the Gospel account, Jesus, his mother and his disciples are invited to a wedding, and when the wine runs out, Jesus delivers a sign of his glory by turning water into wine.

Where in Scripture, can we read about this miracle?

John (2:1-11) tells while Jesus was at a wedding in Cana with his disciples, the party ran out of wine. Jesus' mother told Jesus, "They have no wine," and Jesus replied, "Oh Woman, what has this to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother then said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Jesus ordered the servants to fill containers with water and to draw out some and take it to the chief steward waiter. After tasting it, without knowing where it came from, the steward remarked to the bridegroom that he had departed from the custom of serving the best wine first by serving it last. John adds that: "Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and it revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him." This event is not noted in the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke).

How is the story a typical miracle story?

The structure of John 2:1-11 is typical of a miracle story: the setting is established (verses 1-2), a need arises (verses 3-5), a miracle addresses that need (verses 6-8), and there is a response to that miracle (verses 9-11)

Why is this story so important?

The changing of water to wine is Jesus' first public act in John, the inaugural "sign" of God's presence in the world through him. The real bridegroom who served this superior wine, Jesus, has "now" appeared, ushering into the world God's abundant goodness and grace in a definitive way. The miracle centers on wine because abundant wine is symbolic of God's presence in the world in the eschatological age (a part of theology concerned with the final events of history, or the ultimate destiny of humanity). - Gilberto Ruiz, Saint Anselm's College

How does the final verse determine a shift in John's gospel?

The final verse tells us the miracle at Cana is the first of Jesus' "signs." It "revealed his glory," and as a result "his disciples believed in him." By referring to Jesus' miracles as "signs," John's Gospel shifts attention away from the miracle itself toward the greater eschatological reality to which it points. The oblique narration of this miracle in verse 9 confirms that the divine reality behind the miracle is more important than the miracle itself.

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