



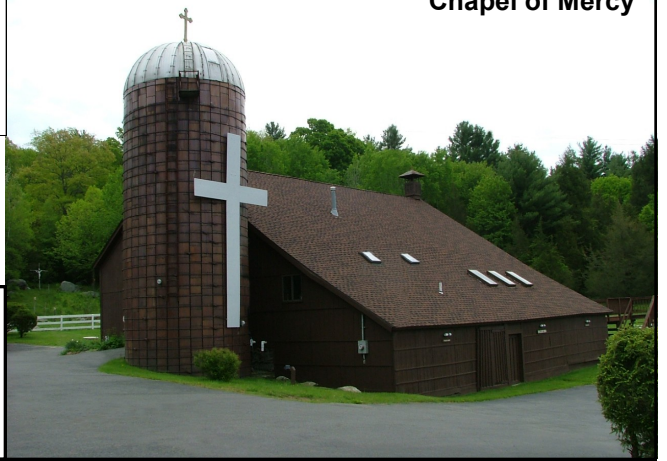
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Chapel of Mercy



"At Bethany there is no Past, only the Present and Future Hope !"

After a treaty has been signed and troops withdrawn, there is still a battle to be won in the hearts of the combatants. It is a battle to resolve differences and to win genuine peace.

In today's modern conflicts, it's doubtful if a war can be won in the conventional sense, but there is no doubt that peace can and must be victorious. Although making sure that peace has the last word may require compromise, it must never be based on immoral positions, dishonest premises or be contrary to Truth.

Genuine peace is much more than the absence of warfare. It is bringing to human hearts God's government. It is calling upon spiritual forces to overrule the merely material. This demands an understanding of God and His laws, and the commitment to live these laws in every area of being. To understand and obey these divine instructions, we need to understand their source, and that means learning more of the nature of God.

A most significant attribute of God in bringing peace to the world is oneness. You have heard it said that, "God is one." The all-ness of Deity is His oneness, no conflicting directions. We don't need to linger in a quandary over what to do, nor do we find our selves wrestling with inner strife.

This oneness is not limited but infinite. And, although there is no sameness, no matter what our background, we are all governed by a uniformity of Divine laws. An early Bible writer glimpsed this equity and wrote, "Ye shall have one manner of law, as well for the stranger, as for one of your own country: for I am the Lord your God" (Lev. 24:22).

This impartiality of the laws of the one God is the basis for universal peace. A so-called peace that depends on the limitations of human diplomacy and understanding in order to keep everything quiet is not peace. It's a phase of warfare that may soon lead to an outbreak of open conflict.

World peace will be made one individual at a time, situation by situation, day by day. Knowing and feeling Truth in one's heart instills inner peace and inspires us to resolve conflicts with our neighbor. Resolving personal differences is important to gaining a more hopeful view of our world. We have our role in ushering in the time when universal harmony is the norm and it begins within our own hearts. There is a great reward for making peace in your daily encounters, and a goal to be reached day by day.

Finding a spirit of reconciliation in your heart at the time of a misunderstanding opens the door to another's peace of mind. If there is no one to do battle with, there is no battle. While winning the struggle for peace, there are no losers. All receive the Christ's blessing, "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God" (Matt. 5:9).

Perhaps this promise is also saying that the children of God *are* peacemakers. Praying to God as "Our Father" affirms our role as peacemaker and participant in bringing harmony to a troubled world. Personally realizing inner "Peace" as a son or daughter of the Most High is a victory for all and brings about the world peace which the Lord intends.

In His Light,

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WEEKLY MASSES

Saturday - - Cancelled

Sunday - 9:00 AM *

Wednesday- - Cancelled

RECONCILIATION & PASTORAL MEETINGS

By Appointment (413) 324-1164



November Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers

Ministers of the Word

2nd Paula Ann, Ron
9th Paula Ann, Ron
16th Paula Ann, Ron
23rd Paula Ann, Ron
30th Paula Ann, Ron



Beth, Ron
Catherine, Paula Ann
Ron, Jayne
Beth, Dan
Paula Ann, Stash



Bethany Food Drive

We will continue collecting non-perishable food items for area food pantries. Please drop off your donations of canned goods and dry goods, and leave them in the foyer.

Thank You for your constant generosity.



"Hunger never takes a vacation."



A Blessed Harvest: The First Thanksgiving Story

Long ago, in the year 1620, a small group of faithful believers—later called the **Pilgrims**—set sail from England aboard a ship named the *Mayflower*. They were not seeking gold, fame, or conquest. They were seeking **freedom to worship God** as their hearts and consciences led them. The sea was rough and the journey long—over 60 days of storm and sickness—but they prayed, trusting that the Lord who guided Abraham to a new land would also guide them.

When they finally reached the shores of the New World, it was a **barren and frozen wilderness**. Many fell ill; by the end of that first winter, nearly half had perished. But through their suffering, the Pilgrims continued to pray, singing Psalms and giving thanks for the hope of God's mercy.

In the spring, **God sent help** in the form of the native Wampanoag people. One among them, **Squanto**, had been taken by English sailors years before, had learned their language, and miraculously returned to his homeland. He taught the weary settlers how to plant corn, fish in the rivers, and live off the land. The Pilgrims saw this as no mere coincidence but as **divine providence**—the Lord's hand guiding their survival.

When autumn came and the crops flourished, Governor **William Bradford** called for a time of **thanksgiving and prayer**. For three days, the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag gathered together in peace and friendship. They shared food—roasted fowl, corn, venison, and more—and offered **prayers of gratitude to God**, thanking Him for His mercy, protection, and abundance.

This moment, humble and heartfelt, was **the first Thanksgiving**—a celebration not of wealth or conquest, but of faith, endurance, and gratitude to the Almighty.



Those whose hearts are pure
are temples of the Holy Spirit.
Saint Lucy



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Web Site at
www.bethanyccc.org
for more information about
Bethany Charismatic Church.

Dates to Remember November 2025



2nd: SUN. 9:00 AM Lord's Day Mass

Annual Memorial Mass



9th: SUN. 9:00 AM Lord's Day Mass

16th: SUN. 9:00 AM Lord's Day Mass

23rd: SUN. 9:00 AM Lord's Day Mass

27th: Thur. 9:00 AM "Thanksgiving Day" Mass



30th: SUN. 9:00 AM Lord's Day Mass

Bethany's Tree of Life

A memorial to your loved ones.

Have the name of a loved one who has gone home to our Lord added to Bethany's "Tree of Life" which is located in The Chapel of Mercy. For information on the "Tree of Life" call for details.

"Teach us to heal, Oh healing Lord, and heal us of all that holds us back from You."

Elizabeth Anne Stewart

