



Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of April 2, 2023

Monday, April 3, 2023

6:45 AM DM William & Mary Sherakas by Rita
6-6:30 PM DM Confessions

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

6:45 AM DM Georgette Moyer by Family

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

6:45 AM DM Jack Wright by Charlotte & Dave Kriner
2-4:00 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023

7:00 PM DM Living & Deceased Members of Divine Mercy Parish
7:45-8:30 PM DM Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday, April 7, 2023

10:00 AM DM Confessions
Noon DM Stations of the Cross
3:00 PM DM Good Friday Services
4-5:00 PM DM Visitation of the Tomb
5:00 PM DM Veneration of the Cross, Stations, Reading of the Passion,
& Communion Service (En Espanol)

Holy Saturday, April 8, 2023

1:00 PM DM Blessing of Easter Baskets
8:00 PM DM Living & Deceased Members of Divine Mercy Parish
Holy Water will be available after the Easter Vigil Liturgy

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023

7:30 AM DM For All Those Who Are Remembered In Our Easter
Memorials
10:00 AM DM For All Those Who Are Remembered In Our Easter
Memorials
12:30 PM DM For All Those Who Are Remembered In Our Easter
Memorials

En Espanol

“The clergy and religious of the Diocese of Allentown continue to stand ready to provide steadfast support and prayers during this difficult time,” said Bishop Schlert. “Just as St. Joseph protected the Holy Family, we turn to St. Joseph to protect us at this time of uncertainty and pandemic.” We invite all the faithful who are quarantined during this time and unable to receive Holy Communion, to offer their prayers for healing throughout the world. Pray the Holy Rosary, on www.EWTN.com/tv/shows/sunday-Mass-live. Pray this prayer for spiritual communion and set aside time for prayer with the Sacred Scriptures of the day – go to www.wordamongus.org.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection 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, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

Prayer to Your Guardian Angel

Angel of God,
my guardian dear,
To whom God's love
Commits me here,
Ever this day,
be at my side,
To light and guard,
Rule and guide.

Prayer for Our Country

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of America, please help our country. Help us to return to what is decent, right and proper. Help us to return to respect for ourselves and others, into truth in dealing with ourselves and others, to self-control and self-discipline and, especially, to a deep love for your Son and his teachings. Protect us from those who would destroy us from within. Our Lady, we place ourselves and our country under your mantel. Pray for us and help us. Amen.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

When: Every 1st Sunday of the month
Time: 3:00 PM
Where: St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish,
Mahanoy City

Divine Mercy Collection

March 26th - \$ 5,300.00



St. Casimir Church will reopen on Sunday, June 18th for regular weekend Masses and Funerals.

Deppen Pie Sale Profit

Income \$ 2,494.50
Expense \$ 2,047.00

Profit \$ 447.50

Thank you for your support of our parish.

Divine Mercy Church Memorial Fund

Judith Murtin

\$10 Buchinsky family

James Tedesco

\$20 M/M Paul Sosna

John Matino

\$20 Joe & Joann Cugusi & family

\$20 Mary Rose Masternack

\$20 Anna (Cugusi) Gottstine

Florence Filozof

\$20 John & Kathy Filozof

\$20 Dolores Micko

\$10 Stephen & Brad Oravitz

\$5 Mary Ann Pronio

Andrew Petrousky

\$10 Leo Treshock

Happy birthday in heaven, 4/1,

Theresa Santella, love & miss you

\$10 Sister, Lisa, Frank & families

Special intentions

\$5 Anonymous

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Easter Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed from noon on Wednesday, April 5th to Monday, April 10th for the Easter Holiday. The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, April 11th at 8:30 AM.



From Msgr. Bocian, Fr. Dene & the parish office staff. We would like to wish everyone a very blessed and happy Easter.

Divine Mercy Sunday Feast Day

Our parish will have devotions in honor of Divine Mercy Sunday on **Sunday, April 16th beginning at 2:30 PM with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 PM and Litany of Mercy and ending with Benediction at Divine Mercy Church.**

“Come to Celebrate the Parish Feast”

On April 16th, Divine Mercy Sunday, our Parish Feast Day, Come and join us after the 10:00 AM Mass for parish fellowship, and coffee/cake in Trinity School Hall. There is no cost, but a small donation is greatly appreciated.

Devotional Lamps

Divine Mercy

- Sanctuary In memory of my beloved parents & sister, Angelo & Enrica & Jean Romano by Ann Romano
- Divine Mercy In loving memory of Donald & Lucille by wife & mother
- Divine Mercy Good health for a family member
- Divine Mercy Special intention
- Divine Mercy Prayers & good health for J.M., S.M., M.S., A.M., T.S., G.M., L.B., J. B., R.G, & Z.S. by M/M John Maskornick
- Blessed Mother In memory of Albert Jr., Albert Sr., Anna, George & Regina Discavage by Irene
- Blessed Mother Good health for a family member
- Blessed Mother In memory of Matt & Kathryn Chuplis by family
- St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
- St. Joseph Good health for a family member
- OLMC Special intentions for John Kelly family
- OLMC Special intentions by Ann Marnell Lehman

St. Casimir

- Sanctuary In loving memory of my dad, George Rittle by daughter, Maria
- Czestochowa In memory of our dad, John F. Baginski by Baginski family
- Divine Mercy In loving memory of Frank Macus by Fran & Maria
- Divine Mercy Special intentions by Louis & Donna Kowalski
- Divine Mercy Special intentions for Christopher, Hope, Benjamin & Morgan & a speedy recovery & good health for Abby
- Divine Mercy In memory of John & Helen Pukavige by children
- Divine Mercy In loving memory of John T. McGuire by wife, Peg
- Divine Mercy Speedy recovery for granddaughter/niece, Claudia Rittle by Baci & Cioci Maria
- Blessed Mother In loving memory of Kathie by Tricia
- Blessed Mother In thanksgiving, special intentions & good health for Msgr. Bocian, Stephen Bocian, Fr. Dene, Brian Rooney, George Huss, Dawn & Abby Coller
- Blessed Mother In loving memory of Joe & Joestelle by wife & mother
- Blessed Mother Good health for Helene Grutza by Mary Kufro
- Blessed Mother In loving memory of Joe & Joestelle by wife & mother
- St. Anthony Special intentions by KAS
- St. Anthony Special intentions by KAS
- Sacred Heart Special intentions for Marc

Chapel

- Sanctuary Special intentions by Msgr. B
- Blessed Mother Prayers & good health for Emily Seigel by uncle Ed & aunt Kerri
- St. Joseph Special intentions by Msgr. B

“Fund Raising Highlights”

Thank you to all who attended our re-organizational meeting and the attendance was very encouraging. Please note that we are in need of younger parishioners to assist our group. We ask that you please spread the word to attend **our next meeting on Tuesday, April 4th at 6:30 at Trinity Academy School.** Our main focus was to discuss and commit to participating in the Shenandoah Kielbosi Festival/Heritage Day as our first fundraiser for the year. Many new ideas were also discussed and a special thanks to everyone for their input going forward.



Bible Group will meet at the Fr. Ciszek Center on Thursday, April 13th at 6:30 PM.

For more information, call Sr. Marietta 590-0435 or the parish office 462-1968.

Prayer Group will be cancelled for April due to Holy Week.

On March 30th, the Prayer Group will meet and watch the movie "Jesus".

Franciscan Group will meet on Thursday, April 20th at 6:30 PM at the Father Ciszek Center.

Choose New Life at Easter

"... I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice, and cleaving to him; for that means life to you and length of days ... " (Deuteronomy 30:19-20).

When the Israelites were poised to enter the land God had promised them, Moses wanted all to understand what was at stake. He didn't want them to just enter the Promised Land, Moses wanted them to remain there with God's blessing. So Moses put the choice facing all of God's people in the clearest possible terms. When we choose to follow God, we choose life over death.

The choice is still ours. We can say "yes" or "no" to God's love. While our choices lead to consequences, it is still up to us.

When we live within God's laws, we choose life. Honesty over lies and deceit, self-control over sinful pleasure, generosity over selfishness. This is how we choose new life with God.

Grow in love

Having received the gift of divine life, we must give it to others. "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:11). When we share God's life and love, we grow in that very life and love.



Holy Thursday

Thurs. 4/6	Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00 PM	Divine Mercy
	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament	7:45 – 8:30 PM	Divine Mercy

Good Friday

Friday 4/7	Confession	10-11AM	Divine Mercy
	Stations of the Cross	Noon	Divine Mercy
	Good Friday Services	3:00 PM	Divine Mercy
	Visitation of the Tomb	4-5 PM	Divine Mercy
	Spanish - Veneration of the Cross, Stations, Reading of the Passion and Communion Service	5:00 PM	Divine Mercy

Holy Saturday

Saturday 4/8	Blessing of Baskets	1:00 PM	Divine Mercy
	Holy Saturday Vigil Mass	8:00 PM	Divine Mercy

Holy Water will be available after the Easter Vigil Liturgy

Easter Sunday

Sunday 4/9	Easter Sunday Mass	7:30AM	Divine Mercy
	Easter Sunday Mass	10:00AM	Divine Mercy
	Easter Sunday Mass (en español)	12:30 PM	Divine Mercy

Tax Time is approaching us very quickly. Need a copy of your contribution sheet? If you would like a copy for tax purposes, it is necessary for you to call the parish office at 462-1968 in a request for your contribution sheet for 2022. We will mail this sheet directly to you.

Powerful Gifts of Eucharistic Devotion

As the "the source and summit of our faith," the Eucharist is the greatest of God's gifts. During the Easter season, resolve to look at the Eucharist with new eyes of gratitude and strengthened devotion:

Return love for Love: The Eucharist is not a symbol; it is Jesus Christ. He loves us beyond imagining — personally, closely, sacrificially, and tenderly. In adoring, receiving, and loving the Blessed Sacrament, we're returning love for Love.

Fuel for the fight: The Eucharist nourishes and strengthens our souls. "How can we last...without hearing Jesus say, 'I love you' – impossible..." (Mother Teresa). The Eucharist strengthens against temptation and protects from mortal sins.

Source of joy: The Eucharist is a glimpse of Heaven, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and a pledge of future glory. St. John Vianney commented, "If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy."

Wisdom and guidance: As Chancellor of England, St. Thomas More received Communion daily for "light and wisdom" in his administrative decisions. We can turn to the Blessed Sacrament for guidance whenever we have weighty decisions, questions, or doubts.

Communion empowers us to love: "Even as I have loved you...you also love one another" (John 13:34). Jesus specifically told his followers to love others as we've been loved. Receiving the Eucharist worthily empowers us to love like Him.

Feasts & Celebrations

April 2 – Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion On Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion, we recall Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when He was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering. This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.

April 9 – The Resurrection of the Lord Easter, the celebration of Jesus’ resurrection of the dead, is the holiest day of the year. The Season of Easter lasts for 50 days from Easter Sunday until Pentecost.

April 13 – Pope St. Martin I (665). St. Martin was elected to succeed Theodore I as pope. He was arrested and dragged to Constantinople after censuring the Byzantine Emperor Constans II for heresy. He died in exile.

April 23 – Divine Mercy Sunday (1931). Jesus asked St. Faustina to ensure that the Sunday after Easter become the “Feast of Mercy.” He promised that anyone who honors him as the King of Mercy and prays The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will receive special graces and great mercy.



Marian Catholic Blue & Gold Club Basket Auction will be held on Friday, March 31st from 5:00 -8:00 PM and Saturday, April 1st from 10:00 AM -4:00 PM at Lakeside Ballroom in Barnesville. Traditional basket prizes & gift certificates, Top shelf & Blockbuster prize levels. Table of Cheer! Purse Table! This year's feature raffle 2 tickets to see Taylor Swift May 13th at Lincoln Financial Field! Amazing seats Section 120 Row 24! Only 500 tickets will be sold. Great food and desserts available both days! If any questions or to purchase Taylor Swift raffle tickets ahead of the auction please contact Maria McGinley 484-629-4997.

Divine Mercy Parish
Pierogies are available at the parish office \$ 8.00 per dozen.



Mother’s Day Spiritual Envelopes are included in with your April envelopes. These mothers will be remembered in a special Mass on Mother’s Day and also during the month of May. You may place more than one name on an envelope.



Divine Mercy Parish at Heritage Day/Kielbosi Festival
May 20, 2023

This year our parish will have a stand for Heritage Day/ Kielbosi Festival

Our menu will consist of:

Bundookies (Meatballs), Haluskie, Pizza Fritta, Italian Sausage Hoagies and Desserts.

50/50 Raffle will also be available.

Come and join us for a fun filled day and be proud of your heritage and support your parish and other vendors.

Heritage Day - May 20, 2023
Will be combined with Kielbosi Festival

The Lithuanian Contingent for Heritage Day & The Parade of Nations set for May 20th is extending an invitation to men, women & children with some Lithuanian Heritage to participate. No costume is necessary & people do not need to be Shenandoah residents to participate. Please join & preserve your heritage. Heritage Day & The Parade of Nations are sponsored by the Revitalization Group – Downtown Shenandoah, Inc. If interested in marching in the parade, please contact the parish office at 462-1968.

“Calling All Slovaks” Heritage Day is approaching us fast – May 20th and we are looking for all men, women and children to participate in the Parade of Nations. Be proud of your heritage and march with your Slovak friends. If you are unable to march we may be able to provide a car in order for you to participate. For further information, please call Mary Ann at 462-0883.

Show Your Polish Pride and Join Us we are asking children and adults to participate with our Polish Contingent in the Shenandoah Heritage Day Parade on Saturday, May 20th. Your willingness to march with us will be greatly appreciated. Feel free to contact the rectory about attire, etc. Our Polish group will line-up at 9:30 AM on North Jardin Street. We hope to continue marching with our Shenandoah Heritage Parade with your cooperation.

Bautismos Todos están invitados a bautizar a sus hijos. Aún si usted no está casado en la Iglesia se puede bautizar a su bebé. Sin embargo, le pedimos que seleccione una pareja que se casó en la Iglesia Católica para ser sus padrinos. Si un padrino / madrina es una persona soltera, él / ella puede convertirse en una condición de que, esa persona ha recibido el bautismo. Por favor, tenga en cuenta que una pareja, civilmente casada o una persona que vive junto a otra persona como una pareja no está calificada para ser un padrino/madrina. Si son de fuera de nuestra parroquia, por favor, díles de obtener un certificado de elegibilidad de su pastor al menos dos semanas de anticipación. Padre llevará a cabo clases de bautismo, tanto para los padres y padrinos y administrar el rito del bautismo. Por favor, visite la oficina parroquial (108 W.Cherry St., Shenandoah. Teléfono 570 (4621968) para reservar fechas y rellenar formularios. El proceso es muy fácil.

Diocesan Information

If a Prenatal Diagnosis is Poor... You are not alone. There is help. The Diocese of Allentown has a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. For support, contact: Sr. Janice Marie Johnson, Johnson@allentowndiocese.org or 610-289-8900 x 245.

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. Victim Assistance Coordinator—**Direct Telephone Number:** 1-800-791-9209. To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown’s Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit www.allentowndiocese.org and click on “Youth Protection” in the upper right hand- corner of the page.

**WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR
APRIL 6TH TO 9TH
ALL MASSES AT DIVINE MERCY**

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
Holy Thursday 7:00 PM	Oravitz Fell, Marguerite	Engle, Lillian	Daynorowicz, Madeline
Good Friday 3:00 PM	Hardy, Barbara Grochowski, Jennifer Twardzik, Joann	Domkus, Frances	Selbi, Jennifer
Holy Saturday 8:00 PM	Nowak, Cynthia Brophy, Marty Grochowski, Jennifer Maskornick, Sherri	Elchisak, Michele	Daynorowicz, Nolan
Easter Sunday 7:30 AM	Oravitz Fell, Marguerite	Selvocki, Joseph	Snitzer, Isabella
Easter Sunday 10:00 AM	Twardzik, Pam	Twardzik, Thomas	Estrada, Caesar Estrada, Jose



*April & May Schedules are also available on Website...
dmparish.com
A note from the Parish Office: If you switch with someone for a specific weekend, we ask that you please notify the office.
Thank you!*

Upcoming Events

St. Clare of Assisi Pierogy Sales Dates and Deadlines to Order

We will be selling our delicious homemade frozen pierogies (\$9.00/dozen) and cooked pierogies, with butter only or butter and onions (\$10.00/dozen) for Lent. **All must be pre-ordered by 7:00 PM of the order date.** Pick up will be 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the Saint Clare Church Hall, using the Hancock Street entrance. To order your pierogies, please call the following **NUMBERS: 429-0863 or 429-0071. After 3/5, you may also call 429-0343.**

Order by 7:00 PM on Mon. April 3rd (Holy Week) To pick up on Wed. April 5th

Dramatic Stations of the Cross presented by St. John the Baptist Church, Pottsville will be held on Palm Sunday, April 2nd at 7:30 PM in the main church. Doors open at 6:30 PM. All are welcome

Am I Wrong to Have Doubts?

There is good doubt and bad doubt. Bad doubt that says, “I won’t believe this unless you prove it,” can become sinful and should be avoided. Good doubt (“I’m struggling to understand this”) is a sign you’re ready to go deeper into the faith. Sometimes doubts arise from genuine or incomplete understanding of Church teaching. Archbishop Fulton Sheen famously said, “There are not one hundred people in the United States who hate The Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they wrongly perceive the Catholic Church to be.” With questions, turn to the Catechism, reference the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org), ask your priest. If, after all that, something still doesn’t make sense, then it really is a mystery and that’s the point at which we humbly allow Christ to conform our ways of thinking to His (not the other way around). Entrust everything to God, and He will resolve it, in His own way, in His own time.

Attention all Safe Environment Coordinators!

Mandated reporter trainings and Protecting God’s Children Workshops will now be available virtually. If you are interested, please contact Pam Russo Secretary, Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services
 P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538
 610-871-5200 ext. 2204
prusso@allentowndioocese.org

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Cemetery Note

Pease help us to keep all of our cemeteries looking nice and well maintained throughout the fall and winter months. **Please remove and take home any flowers, planters, wreaths or baskets you placed on the graves. Flowers, baskets, logs & planters left on the graves will be removed & disposed of.** Decorations, statues, and stepping stones should be removed permanently and if left will be disposed of. The cemeteries close daily at sunset, the gates will be closed during the winter months to prevent vandalism & trespass. Thank you for your cooperation



Net February Income	\$ 42,951.77	Expenses	\$ 44,729.03
		Insurance	\$ 7,422.00
		Assessments	\$ 4,023.00
Total Income	\$ 42,951.77	Total Expenses	\$ 56,174.03
Expenses over income	\$ 13,222.26	This shows a loss of	\$ 13,222.26

Open Registration for the 2023-2024 Divine Mercy Pre-School Program

Under the Direction of Mrs. Sharon Tobin, B.A. Exceptional Child Study. Pre-school will be held at the Fr. Walter Ciszek Education Center (Trinity Academy), 233 W. Cherry Street, Shenandoah, PA 17976 - Phone 462-3927.

Children ages 3, 4 and 5 are welcome to attend for half and/or full day Pre-School classes Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM. Our Pre-School Program follows a modified Montessori method to prepare your child for the world of learning and his/her admission to Kindergarten. Attendance five days per week allows your child to benefit by participating in more of the learning opportunities provided.

Registration began on February 21st at the above-mentioned address. Our Registration fee of \$75.00 is non-refundable. You may register from 9:00 AM -2:00 PM each day in school. Please call Sr. Patricia Mount at 462-3927 to set up an appointment or to request a registration packet.

Nativity Happenings

Congratulations to Nativity’s Academic Team who placed second at the League Championship Meet held on March 20th.

Junior and Senior members of Nativity’s student body will presented the Living Stations of the Cross at the school on Thursday, March 23rd. All are welcome to attend!

Seniors, Emma Bolich and Dalton Monger, made a presentation to the members of the Pottsville Rotary Club at their regularly scheduled meeting on March 22nd about Nativity’s Interact Club, which is community service oriented. The Interact Club holds many activities at the school throughout the year including blood drives through the American Red Cross, clothing and diaper drives that benefit the Schuylkill County community and school-wide clean-ups. Nativity’s Interact Club is sponsored by the Pottsville Rotary Club.

