



# Divine Mercy Parish

## Mass Schedule for the Week of April 9, 2023

### *Monday, April 10, 2023*

6:45 AM DM No Mass

### *Tuesday, April 11, 2023*

6:45 AM DM No Mass

### *Wednesday, April 12, 2023*

6:45 AM DM No Mass  
2-4:00 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### *Thursday, April 13, 2023*

6:45 AM DM No Mass

### *Friday, April 14, 2023*

6:45 AM DM Living & Deceased Members of Divine Mercy Parish  
2-4:00 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### *Saturday, April 15, 2023*

8:00 AM DM Frank Lazor by Sister  
3:45 PM DM Divine Mercy Chaplet  
4:00 PM DM Living & Deceased Members of Divine Mercy Parish

### *Sunday, April 16, 2023*

7:30 AM DM Living & Deceased Members of Divine Mercy Parish  
9:40 AM DM Divine Mercy Chaplet  
10:00 AM DM Living & Deceased Members of Divine Mercy Parish  
12:30 PM DM Living & Deceased Members of Divine Mercy Parish

*En Espanol*

2:30 PM DM Divine Mercy Sunday Services

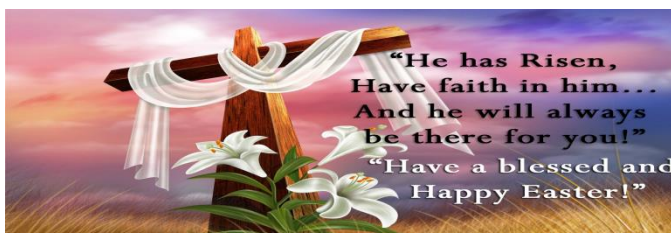
“The clergy and religious of the Diocese of Allentown continue to stand ready to provide steadfast support and prayers during this difficult time,” said Bishop Schlert. “Just as St. Joseph protected the Holy Family, we turn to St. Joseph to protect us at this time of uncertainty and pandemic.” We invite 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](http://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](http://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**

**Due to the Easter Holiday, Collection will be announced at a later date!**



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



**Divine Mercy Church Memorial Fund**

**In loving memory of my husband, Al Pronio – Missing you**  
 \$5 Wife, Mary Ann  
**In loving memory of Emmett, Mary, Bob & Jerry Oravitz**  
 \$5 Daughter/sister, Mary Ann  
**June Holland**  
 \$10 Elaine Yodis  
**Happy 1st birthday & Easter in heaven, Kitty Breznik – love & miss you**  
 \$10 Son, Frank, Lisa & families  
**Special intentions**  
 \$5 Anonymous

**HAPPY EASTER**  
 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
Blessed Mother	In memory of Albert Jr., Albert Sr., Anna, George & Regina Discavage by Irene
Blessed Mother	In loving memory of Joseph Zarcufsky by daughter, Nikki
Blessed Mother	Blessings for good health and Happy Easter for Charlotte Kowalski by daughter, Kathy
Blessed Mother	In loving memory of Theresa Kanick by Diane & Randy Sinclair
St. Ann	Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
St. Joseph	In memory of Joseph Navitsky Sr. by son, Joe & family
St. Joseph	Special intention
Altar	Special intentions
Altar	Special intentions

**St. Casimir**

Sanctuary	In loving memory of my dad, George Rittle by daughter, Maria
Divine Mercy	In loving memory of Frank Macus by Fran & Maria
Divine Mercy	Special intentions by Louis & Donna Kowalski
Blessed Mother	In loving memory of John T. McGuire by wife, Peg
Blessed Mother	In loving memory of Louis, Margaret & Michael Agresto by Peg McGuire
Blessed Mother	In loving memory of Lottie & Jack McGuire by Peg McGuire
Blessed Mother	In loving memory of Sue & Ron Romanosky by Peg McGuire
Blessed Mother	In loving memory of Katherine & Joe Donohue by Peg McGuire
Blessed Mother	In loving memory of Joe & Joestelle by wife & mother
Blessed Mother	In loving memory of Manny Parente by Peg McGuire
Blessed Mother	In loving memory of Matilda “Tillie” Oravitz by daughter, Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
Blessed Mother	In loving memory of my grandparents, Joseph & Mary Karlesky by granddaughter, Maria Rittle
Blessed Mother	In loving memory of my grandparents, George & Elsie Rittle by granddaughter, Maria Rittle
Blessed Mother	In loving memory of my great uncle & aunt, William & Florence Traycheck by great niece, Maria Rittle
Blessed Mother	In loving memory of my sister-in-law, Suzanne Ellen Rittle by Maria Rittle
Sacred Heart	In loving memory of Stephen F. Oravitz by daughter, Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family

**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

**Start With Grace**

Starting your day with prayer begins the day with grace. Set your alarm for 15 minutes earlier and get up the first time it goes off. Make a morning offering, ask for a safe commute, a productive day, for patience. It’s a small mortification that “strengthens your will and does no harm to your body” (St. Josemaría Escrivá).

**Christmas 2022 Memorial**

\$25 John Rydzy by wife, Rose

**Christmas Flower 2022 Memorial**

\$10 John Rydzy & George & Catherine Koszyk by Rose Rydzy

Bible Group will meet at the Father 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 meet on Thursday, May 4th at 6:30 PM at the Father Ciszek Center

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

### Keeping Easter Joy Alive Throughout the Year

Easter Sunday celebrates Jesus' victory over death, sin, and Satan. In fact, it is the most important event in human history. This joy Easter inspires can't be contained to just one day; the Church gives us a whole season to celebrate. Try these ideas to prolong the joy of Easter:

**Keep a Lenten practice** that helped you grow closer to God – a small sacrifice to honor His sacrifice. For example, attend an extra Mass during the week, or perform an act of charity to share God's love.

**Decorate the house.** Celebrate the victory Christ won for you. Display an image of the Risen Christ in your home. Decorate crosses and statues with white sashes. Put out bouquets of flowers (real or silk) for the garden in which Jesus rose (John 19:41).

**Proclaim the Good News.** Mary Magdalene was the first to share the news of the Resurrection (John 20:17). Share it, too, by wearing a cross or crucifix, saying grace in public, talking about His grace, imitating His forgiveness.



**Don't Forget About Our WEBSITE....** Divine Mercy Parish now has a website: [www.dmparish.com](http://www.dmparish.com). It consists of the weekly bulletin, upcoming events, Lector, Eucharistic Minister & Altarserver Schedules, Lenten Dinner forms, Lenten Services schedules, Chapel hours and much more. Why not go on to your computer and take a look at it. Again, it is [www.dmparish.com](http://www.dmparish.com).

### How Can I Stop Worrying About What Other People Think?

The problem with placing too much importance on other people's opinions of you is that you give them inappropriate power over you. In effect, you are substituting other people's values and judgment for your own and there is no guarantee that they have your best interests – or your eternal future – at heart. Not everyone is interested in helping you get to Heaven.

Try instead to live by the rules detailed in the Ten Commandments and in the Beatitudes. They tell us to be devoted to God, to care for other people, to be honest and dedicated to truth, and to value the blessings God has given us.

Remember that there is value in being criticized or insulted even though you do the right thing. Not only can you offer it as penance for your sins, such suffering teaches humility and patience – two virtues that will help you get to Heaven. And when it comes down to it, the opinion of other people will pass, but God's judgment is forever.

### Get Personal With Jesus

The Easter season is a perfect time to develop, strengthen and deepen our friendship with Jesus. During this time of celebration, we can set goals that aim to deepen our knowledge and love of our Lord.

**The Eucharist is the source.** The best way to get close to Jesus is in the Holy Mass and by receiving Holy Communion. It is God's way of bringing us into communion with him.

**Visit the confessional.** Confession is a Sacrament that encourages us to take an honest look at the way we are living. Even Catholics who have been away from Confession will find that the best way to get a new beginning with Jesus off to a great start is to visit the confessional. Clean that slate! Begin anew.

**Spend time with him.** We can spend time reading inspirational books and blogs, and chatting on Catholic sites, but to develop a relationship with Jesus, we need face time with him. Adoration is one of the best ways to keep him company.

### Don't Worry, Be Happy

What kind of happiness do we want to choose for ourselves? The happiness society suggests involves possessions, status, popularity, celebrity. Few people, if any, attain that level of happiness nor does it last when achieved. Real lasting happiness is the kind Jesus wants us to choose. It means placing ourselves in God's care, choosing what he wants for us and ignoring what the world tells us we need. This kind of happiness lasts forever.

**Trust God completely.** *"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat [or drink], or about your body, what you will wear ... Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom (of God) and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides"* (Matthew 6:25, 32-33).

**Express gratitude.** If we aren't thankful for what we already have, it will be hard to ever be happy. Spend time each day appreciating what you have and it will increase in value.



### Why do We Call the Church Catholic?

The word "catholic" comes from the Greek, "katholikos." It means "throughout the whole" or "universal." The first record of the Church being called "Catholic" quotes a first-century letter St. Ignatius wrote to the Smyrnaeans, "Where the bishop appears, there let the people be, just as where Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church." St. Cyril of Jerusalem (347) wrote, "Now it [the Church] is called Catholic because it is throughout the world, from one end of the earth to the other."



**Welcome All God's Children**

God loves each of us uniquely and fiercely no matter where we come from or how we look. Those of us who follow him know that it's not just important to love each other. It's God's law.

**Celebrate diversity.** Invite foreigners or people who are different from you to your home or church. Jesus was once a foreigner in a strange land and was grateful for the hospitality he received. There is great diversity in the Communion of Saints.

**Practice patience.** It can be tough to listen to someone with a speech impediment or a heavy accent. Imagine, though, how grateful that person will be when you offer your attention. Perhaps it would help to imagine the face of Christ in the face before you.

**Counsel the ignorant.** Someone from another country, background, or with different abilities than yours might behave in what looks like an inconsiderate way out of ignorance or limitations. He might appreciate being informed.

**Speak up.** Don't stay quiet when you witness prejudice, and be positive about diversity if friends or relatives start criticizing others' faith, cultures or abilities.

**Act with love.** The God of love gave of himself so we could be reunited with him. We share that love when we assume the best of others and look for the good in all God's children.

**Take Your Rightful Place**

As a baptized Catholic, your parish is your home by right. As such, you have the right to a seat at your parish table. You take it when you attend weekend Mass and seek peace from sacraments such as the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Holy Matrimony.

**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., Sheandoah. Teléfono 570 (4621968) para reservar fechas y rellenar formularios. El proceso es muy fácil.

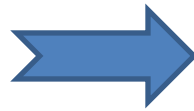
**Diocesan Information**

**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](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) and click on “Youth Protection ” in the upper right hand- corner of the page.

**WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR  
APRIL 15TH TO 16TH  
ALL MASSES AT DIVINE MERCY**

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM	Hardy, Barbara	McGauley, Delmy	Blank
7:30 AM	Grochowski, Anne	Grochowski, Jennifer	Blank
10:00 AM	Twardzik, Joann	Phillips, Kathy	Selbi, Jennifer & Rakus, Evan



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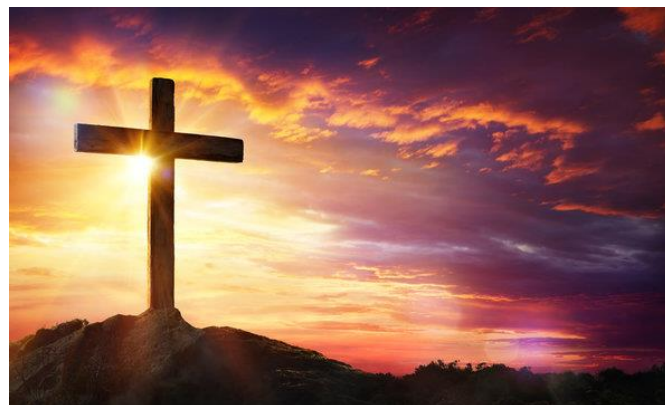
*A note from the Parish Office: If you switch with someone for a specific weekend, we ask that you please notify the office. Thank you!*

**Q&A: How Could God Send His Only Son to Die?**

Because Adam and Eve sinned, we needed a Savior to pay the price and save us from sin and death. *“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life”* (John 3:16). While it was not easy for God to send his Son to die, he did it because he loves us and wants us to be with him in Heaven. However, this does not mean God the Son was forced to die for us. Jesus said, *“No one takes [my life] from me, but I lay it down on my own”* (John 10:18). Jesus’ sacrifice was freely offered to the Father on our behalf. *“Indeed, out of love for his Father and for men, whom the Father wants to save, Jesus freely accepted his Passion and death”* (Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 609). The love of the Father and the Son for us was proved to the end on the Cross.

**What is the Golden Rule?**

*“Do to others whatever you would have them do to you”* (Matthew 7:12) is often called the Golden Rule. For Christians, however, it is just a start. In its broadest sense, the Golden Rule means that we are to treat each other with extraordinary love. *“Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.”* Jesus made it clear that he wants us to imitate the way he loves us by putting others’ needs before our own. Jesus’ sacrificial love for each of us is our model. **Love God.** And we do all of this because of our love for God. *“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind ... You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments”* (Matthew 22:37, 39-40). That love is the basis for all we do on Earth so that we can be happy with him forever in Heaven.



**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@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:prusso@allentowndiocese.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 Cizek 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.

**Three Invaluable Lessons From the Sacred Heart Devotion**

Attaining holiness can seem overwhelming and complicated, but Jesus makes it simple: *“Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart”* (Matthew 11:29). Follow the lessons of His Sacred Heart.

**Focus on Jesus.** We often get in trouble when we lose sight of who Jesus is (God) and how much He loves us. Actually, God is always close and loves us with an infinite, intense, burning love. Keep an image of the Sacred Heart nearby for when you feel discouraged or disconnected from Him.

**Give Him your “Yes.”** Instead of relying on your own strength and strategy, consecrate yourself to Jesus’ Sacred Heart and let Him form and direct you. He is patient, gentle, and knows what we can handle. Say “Yes” to whatever He asks.

**“Love is not loved!”** Jesus wants our love but is often rejected by our sins. Love Jesus for those who won’t. Spend time with Him and thank Him for what He’s done for you. Offer Him your sufferings for a soul in need.

*“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), “that it may be well with you and that you may live long on the earth.” Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord”* (Ephesians 6:1-4).