



Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of April 23, 2023

Monday, April 24, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Joseph P. Savakinas** by Sister
2-4:00 PM Chapel **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
6-6:30 PM DM Confessions

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Edward Michalik** by Ed & Kerri Michalik

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Margaret Rolling** by Sr. Patricia
5:30-7:00 PM Chapel **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Thursday, April 27, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Mary Link** by Francis Caulfield

Friday, April 28, 2023

6:45 AM DM **James McGraw Sr. – 5th Anniversary of Death** by Family
2-4:00 PM Chapel **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Saturday, April 29, 2023

8:00 AM DM **No Mass**
10:00 AM DM **First Holy Communion**
3:45 PM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
4:00 PM DM **Ernestine M. Examitas** by Richard T. Examitas & Family

Sunday, April 30, 2023

7:30 AM DM **Rose & William Norris** by Family
9:40 AM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
10:00 AM DM **Margaret Rose Stasulli** by Mary Curry Zerbe
12:30 PM DM **Living & Deceased Priests – Diocese of Allentown**
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

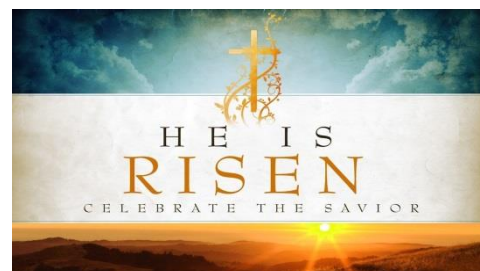
When: Every 1st Sunday of the month
Time: 3:00 PM
Where: St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Mahanoy City

Divine Mercy Collection

4/16/23 - \$ 4,934.00



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



Divine Mercy Church Memorial Fund

In loving memory of Diane M. Kalyan

\$150 Husband, Ron & family

Evelyn Hollenbach

\$20 Louise, Dave, Aaron & Samantha Bekisz

\$20 Donna, Rick & Derrick Donchak

\$20 Nellie Clark

John P. Melusky

\$10 Leo & Pat Treshock

Clarence Oshman

\$10 Susan Bobbin

Roel Alexandria Chesonis

\$100 Daria, David, Abby & John

\$20 M/M Mark Mikita & family

\$20 M/M William Krusinsky

\$10 Walukiewicz Oravitz Fell F. H.

\$10 Joan & Franook

\$10 Bob & Ellen Selgrade

\$10 Ron & Diane Kayes & family

\$10 M/M Jules Stremba

\$10 M/M Mickey Kayes

\$10 Gena Rang

\$5 Murph & Jenny Navitsky

\$5 Tricia Palubinsky

Katherine Breznik

\$10 Cathy & Al Bronk

Special intentions

\$5 Anonymous

Father Walter J. Ciszek Chapel Memorial Fund

Roel Alexandria Chesonis

\$10 Leo & Karen Kayes

Raymond Karpovich

\$10 Pat & Leo Treshock



From Msgr Bocian & Fr. Dene for all the cards & good wishes we received for Easter. We will continue to keep our parishioners and their families in our prayers every day.



To Rev. Charles Dene on celebrating his 65th anniversary in the priesthood on May 15th. May God bless him with good health and grant him many more years at our parish.

“Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you” (James 4:8).

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Sanctuary

In memory of my beloved parents & sister, Angelo & Enrica & Jean Romano by Ann Romano

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In loving memory of Lucille & Donald by wife & mother

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Blessings & health for Joan Wallace by Ed & Fran Domkus

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Blessings & health for Rita Sherakas by Ed & Fran Domkus

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God’s blessings for a speedy recovery for Ed Domkus by family

Divine Mercy

Prayers & good health for J.M., S.M., M.S, A.M.T.S., G.M., R.G., L.B., J.B, & Z’s by M/M John Maskornick

Divine Mercy

In memory of Ray Karpovich by Pat & Leo T.

Blessed Mother

In memory of Jack & Mary Kweder by Buchinsky family

Blessed Mother

In memory of Albert Jr., Albert Sr., Anna, George & Regina Discavage by Irene

Blessed Mother

God’s blessings on your birthday, Brent by Grammy

St. Ann

Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family

St. Joseph

In memory of Connell & Karvois families by Marilyn Connell

St. Joseph

Special intention

OLMC

In memory of Dominick Amato by Mary Luscavage & family

OLMC

Special intention by Ann Marnell Lehman

OLMC

In memory of Antoinette Laureti by Dorothy & Romolo

OLMC

In memory of Ed Chesnavage by Dorothy & Romolo

OLMC

Special intentions for John Kelly family

Mother of God

Good health for Helene Grutza by Mary Kufro

Sacred Heart

Safe trip back & God’s blessings by Grammy

St. Casimir

Sanctuary

In loving memory of my dad, George Rittle by daughter, Maria

Czestochowa

In memory of our dad, John F. Bagienski by Baginski family

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In loving memory of Frank Macus by Fran & Maria

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Blessings for 65 years of marriage by Ed & Fran Domkus

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Special intention by Terry & Joe Richardson

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Special intentions for Christopher, Hope, Benjamin & Morgan & a full & speedy recovery for Abby

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Special intentions by Louis & Donna Kowalski

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In loving memory of John T. McGuire by wife, Peg

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In memory of John & Helen Pukavige by children

Blessed Mother

In loving memory of Joe & Joestelle by wife & mother

Blessed Mother

Special intentions, in thanksgiving & good health for Msgr. Bocian, Stephen Bocian, Fr. Dene, Brian Rooney, George Huss, Estelle McLaren, Dawn, Abby & Gary Sr.

Blessed Mother

Special intentions by Joan Madaffari

Sacred Heart

Special intentions for Marc

St. Anthony

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

Seeing With New Eyes

It’s easy to be nice to people who are nice to you or who are considered “respectable” company. Don’t be fooled by outward appearances, though. Everything done to our brothers and sisters Jesus counts as done to him. When you see someone you want to avoid, remember he or she is Christ in disguise and act accordingly.

“Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels” (Hebrews 13:2).

Bible Group will meet at the Father Cizek Center on Thursday, May 11th 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 Cizek Center

Franciscan Group will meet on Thursday, May 18th at 6:30 PM at the Father Cizek Center.



Father Walter Cizek Chapel Adoration Hours as of April 16th

Monday 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Wednesday 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM *[-> time change]*

Friday 2:00 – 4:00 PM

However, we are changing the hours for Wednesday to 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM . We are hoping these hours will increase our amount of people coming to the chapel for Adoration.

Marian High School News

Taylor Swift Concert Ticket Raffle!! Marian High School is selling raffle tickets to the Taylor Swift concert in Philadelphia! The winner will receive 2 tickets for the Saturday, May 13th - concert in Philadelphia. Section 120 Row 24. The cost of a raffle ticket is \$25.00. If interested in purchasing a ticket, please contact the school at 467-3335 or Janis Dvorak at 929-2921.

Marian Catholic High School Information Sessions

Monday, May 15th & Thursday, May 25th. 4:30 PM-6:00 PM. Come tour the school and get information on how to make a Marian education possible.

Why do Catholics Call the Eucharist the “Real Presence”?

At the Last Supper, Jesus said, “This is my body...this is the cup of my blood” (Matthew 26:26-28) over the bread and wine, and so it was. He commanded His Apostles, and the priests after them, to do the same at every Mass (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1375). When we receive Communion, we’re literally heart-to-Heart with Jesus. The details are a mystery, but that doesn’t stop Jesus from coming to us, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharist.



Additional Easter Memorials

- \$10 Deceased members of the Kalyan family... Diane, George, Matilda, George, Carol & Edward by Ron Kalyan & family
- \$10 Barbara Anastosky by M/M Edward Boxter

Additional Easter Flower Memorial

- \$10 Deceased members of the Piaskowski family... Diane, Florence & Leo by Ron Kalyan & family

“Fund Raising Highlights” Meetings scheduled... Thank you to all who attended our second 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, May 2nd and May 16th 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.

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Dear Friends,

This weekend we kickoff the **2023 Because We are Catholic Annual Appeal** in our parish and throughout our Diocese. The *Because We are Catholic Appeal* is our opportunity as members of the Catholic Community to have an impact on the physical and spiritual lives of our brothers and sisters throughout our Diocese. The Appeal provides support for vital services like Catholic Charities, care for our retired and infirmed priests, education of Seminarians and Deacons, Catholic schools and support for our centers for special learning. Every year the Appeal challenges us to look outside our parish boundaries to support the universal ministries of our Church. I am so grateful for your continued generosity to this important Diocesan fundraising initiative and ask you to prayerfully consider joining me in making your gift to the Appeal and support these important ministries. We are stronger together! Together we will make a difference in the lives of many people. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how big or small. To make your gift, please return the pledge form that you will receive in the mail or visit the Appeal’s website at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org or call the Appeal Office at 800-831-4443.

With gratitude,

Msgr. Ronald C. Bocian

Rev. Msgr. Ronald C. Bocian
Pastor



Follow the Way of Love

As Christians, our experience of Lent and Easter gives us an idea of the incredible love Jesus has for us. He wants us to live in love and share it with others. You follow the way of love when you ...

Believe in God and that God cares about you. It is God to whom you turn in times of trouble. It is God to whom you give thanks when all goes well.

Acknowledge human dignity. Each person has been crafted in the image and likeness of God and, as a result, has an inherent dignity that must be respected.

Move in love. Live and act in accord with Gospel values and set an example of Christian living. **Pray with others.** As a community, you thank God for his blessings, reach for strength, asking for guidance.

Serve others. You often sacrifice your own wants and desires for the best interests of others. **Forgive easily and seek reconciliation.** You promote peace and forgiveness in the relationships of others around you.

Nativity Happenings

Ian Andrefski has been named the Valedictorian for the Class of 2023 and Zachary Mills has been named the Salutatorian for the Class of 2023.

The following students have been named Nativity's Schuylkill County Scholars for 2022-2023: Ian Andrefski, Zachary Mills, Stanley Gorski, Cameron Strauss, Bella Bartashus and Caitlin Capella

The Drama Club's Production of Mamma Mia! will be held at the school on Thursday, April 27th, at 7:00 PM; Friday, April 28th, at 7:00 PM; Saturday, April 29th, at 7:00 PM; and Sunday, April 30th, at 2:00 PM. Tickets are available on Nativity's Facebook page (Nativity Athletics and Events) or at the door each night of the show.



HE IS RISEN!



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.

Our Bulletin Company is Moving to a New Location

As John Patrick Publishing prepares to celebrate our 32nd anniversary, we are excited to announce our relocation plans which will enable us to continue to grow and be able to offer the excellent customer service which has become our trademark. As you can imagine moving all the printing equipment and putting everything in place at our new location in Ivyland, PA will be very challenging. We have spent many hours in preparing for this transition and tried very hard to keep any inconvenience to you at a minimum. We do need to ask for your help via early transmission of your bulletin copy during the month of May.

SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS

May 7th bulletin is due 4/27 -- candles, memorials etc. due in office by 4/24

May 14th bulletin is due 5/4 -- candles, memorials etc. due in office by 5/1

The May 21st bulletin is due 5/11 -- candles, memorials etc. due in office by 5/8

The May 28th bulletin is due 5/18 -- candles, memorials etc. due in office by 5/15

Don't Miss the



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 (462)968) 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 29TH TO 30TH
ALL MASSES AT DIVINE MERCY**

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM	Maskornick, Sherri	Toborowsky, Robert	Blank, Name
7:30 AM	Oravitz Fell, Marguerite	Selvocki, Joseph	Snitzer, Isabella
10:00 AM	Taylor, Anne	Michalik, Marie	Selbi, Jennifer



*May Schedule is 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

The Shenandoah Valley Drama Club Presents MATILDA, THE Musical on April 28th & 29th at 7:00 PM & April 30th at 1:00 PM. Tickets will be available at the door for purchase on show dates. All tickets are general seating. Ticket Prices: \$8.00 students, \$10.00 adults, \$25.00 Weekend Pass.

Dine In or Take Out Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by St. Patrick Church, Pottsville will be held on Sunday, May 7th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM (or sell out), at 313 Mahantongo Street, Pottsville. Spaghetti platter includes pasta with our homemade sauce, two meatballs, a salad, and bread. Cost is \$11.00 per platter. Extra meatballs and/or sauce available for purchase.

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat ~ An intimate spiritual journey for anyone seeking healing after abortion. In a safe, supportive, non-judgmental environment you can focus on this painful time in your life and enter into the process of healing. Through scripture readings, guided meditations and activities flowing from the meditations, you can experience God’s compassion and forgiveness. For registration information contact: Carol Swavely, MA, 1-866-3RACHEL (Toll Free) or 610-435-1541, ext. 373. You may also email Carol at carolswavely@ptd.net. The retreat will be held May 19th – 21st, 2023. Deadline for registration is May 12th.

Two Diocesan Events Coming Soon to Schuylkill County!

Designed with Purpose – a Fertility Awareness & NFP Primer, Sunday, April 30th 5:30-8:00 PM. Black Rock Brewing Co. (325 S. Centre St., Pottsville) Adults 21+ are invited to enjoy Hors d’oeuvres and non-alcoholic beverages on the Diocese with a cash bar option. Hear more about Fertility Awareness & NFP, how it works, what’s involved, and the various methods. Understand more about why this info is important to women, couples, and the Church, and discover resources to take the next step! Register today! <https://register.allentowndiocese.org/fertilityawareness/>

Women’s Easter Retreat - Wednesday, May 24th from 6:00-8:00 PM, St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hall (Nine South Broad Mountain Avenue, Frackville). Women of all ages are invited to enjoy Mass, refreshments, a reflection on sharing the Good News, and Adoration with opportunity to go to Confession. Event is free (sponsored by the Bishop’s Commission for Women, Diocese of Allentown). Register today! <https://forms.gle/sfSWbN5EsUwyxFUr7>

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

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Financial Report -- February

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.

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.

11 Easy Ways to Show Love

“This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” John 13:35.

1. **If someone makes you mad**, anonymously gift that person with a flower or sweet treat daily until you are over it.
2. **Light a candle every Sunday** and pray for a different person each time.
3. **Open the door** for someone.
4. **Choose a picture or an article from the newspaper** and pray for the people involved.
5. **Put a quarter in an expired parking meter.**
6. **Invite someone with whom you disagree** to coffee and listen more than you talk.
7. **Leave a gift for someone in a random public place** such as on a park bench, at a bus stop, the library, a coffee house, or restaurant.
8. **Tutor a young person in reading.** Perhaps your parish school needs volunteers or call your local school district to be matched up with a school or reading program.
9. **Talk to the person at the party who isn’t having fun.** You will be showing great kindness to someone who struggles with socializing.
10. **Choose your words carefully.** Use your words to bless, heal, or bring peace.
11. **Let cars go in front of you in traffic.** Let someone go in front of you in line at the grocery store.

A Little Reminder For Cemetery Lot Owners, in order to keep bringing all our Parish Cemeteries in line with the guidelines and regulations of the Diocese the following will still be enforced: all bricks, fine & crushed stone, plants, fresh & plastic flowers not in containers, fences, borders of all types will be removed & discarded immediately due to the fact that they cause a problem for maintenance of your lot. Again, anything that interferes with the mowing & trimming of grass will be removed at the family’s expense. Containers should not interfere with the care of the cemetery grounds. If they do, the containers will be removed immediately. No planting of flowers, trees, or shrubs allowed. Plastic flowers must be in containers also.