



Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of May 7, 2023

Monday, May 8, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Mary & Anthony Shuck** by Rita & Bob
2-4:00 PM Chapel **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
6-6:30 PM DM Confessions

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Peter & Mary Yockachonis** by Zarcufsky Grandchildren

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

6:45 AM DM **William & Mary Sherakas** by Rita & Family
5:30-7:00 PM Chapel **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Thursday, May 11, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Rev. Thomas Stegman, S.J.** by Fr. Walter J. Ciszek Prayer League

Friday, May 12, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Clarence Oshman** by Pat & Leo Treshock
2-4:00 PM Chapel **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Saturday, May 13, 2023

8:00 AM DM **Gerald Griffin** by Chris & Jo Ann Twardzik

3:45 PM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

4:00 PM DM **For All The Mothers Whose Names Are Placed On Our Altar**

Sunday, May 14, 2023

7:30 AM DM **For All The Mothers Whose Names Are Placed On Our Altar**

9:40 AM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

10:00 AM DM **For All The Mothers Whose Names Are Placed On Our Altar**

12:30 PM DM **For All The Mothers Whose Names Are Placed On Our Altar**

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 mantle. 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

will be announced in a later bulletin



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



Divine Mercy Church Memorial Fund

- Raymond C. Miller Sr.**
 \$10 Walukiewicz Oravitz Fell F.H.
 \$10 Louis & Donna Kowalski
- Joanne Jachimczyk**
 \$10 Jackie Webb
- Roel Chesonis**
 \$10 Louis & Donna Kowalski
- Loving memory of Diane M. Kalyan**
 \$10 Husband, Ron & family
- Special intentions**
 \$5 Anonymous
- Father Walter J. Ciszek Chapel Memorial Fund**
- Joanne Jachimczyk**
 \$25 Rita Sherakas
 \$20 Chris Kowalski
 \$20 Anne & Jen Grochowski
 \$20 St. Cecelia Choir
 \$20 Andrew Szczyglak
 \$10 Theresa Kosar
 \$10 Dorothy & Romolo Laureti
 \$10 Al & Michelle
 \$10 Dan & Diane Monlish
 \$10 Joe & Sharon Sadusky
 \$10 Louis & Donna Kowalski
 \$10 Toth family
 \$10 Mary Ann Bruni
 \$10 Cynthia Nowak
 \$10 Albert & Denise Gricoski
 \$5 Rosanne Malinoski
 \$5 Theresa & Leonard Wierzalis

The Mass Book for 2023 is completely full. The Mass Book for 2024 will open in October of 2023. Please watch bulletin for announcements.



Our office will be closed on Fri., May 26th and Mon., 29th for Memorial Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, May 30th at 8:30 AM.

Sunday Reminder

The Church requires that Catholics participate in Mass on Sunday and other holy days of obligation. It's the best way we regularly encounter Christ. We are also to abstain from work on Sunday that could interfere with the attention and worship due to God. God wants us to rest on Sunday to gather strength for the week ahead.

Divine Mercy

- Sanctuary In memory of my beloved parents & sister, Angelo & Enrica & Jean Romano by Ann Romano
- Divine Mercy In loving memory of Lucille & Donald by wife & mother
- Blessed Mother In memory of Albert Jr., Albert Sr., Anna, George & Regina Discavage by Irene
- Blessed Mother In memory of Florence Filozof by Ray & Marilyn Filozof
- St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
- St. Joseph In loving memory of Hank Faleski by Wife, Julie
- St. Joseph In memory of Connell & Karvois families by Marilyn Connell
- Sacred Heart Good health & God's blessings for Joann Conti by family
- Shrine Room – Infant of Jesus – In memory of Edwin & Helen Birchess by Damian Birchess
- Altar In honor of St. Faustina by Ann Romano
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St. Casimir

- Sanctuary In memory of Isabel & Joseph Tancredi by Cindy Tancredi
- Divine Mercy In loving memory of Frank Macus by Fran & Maria
- Divine Mercy Special intentions by Louis & Donna Kowalski
- Divine Mercy In loving memory of John T. McGuire by Wife, Peg
- Blessed Mother Health & blessings for Fran by Maria
- Blessed Mother In memory of Joe & Joestelle by wife & mother
- Sacred Heart In loving memory of my dad, George Rittle by Daughter, Maria

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



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.

Virtues are the antidotes to sin

Virtues are good moral habits that shape our hearts to be like God's. They help us habitually do what is good. As the building blocks for Christian moral living, virtues help to counter sin. For example:

Humility: This virtue is the antidote to pride. Humility helps us to recognize that God is worthy of our worship and obedience. Rather than focusing on ourselves, humility helps us to be willing to focus on God, live according to His ways. Ideas for practicing this virtue include always taking the less important position, drawing attention to others rather than ourselves, learning to love simple things.

Forgiveness: The sin of anger is defined as an uncontrolled feeling of hatred and wrath. Indulging in anger causes us to hold onto hateful feelings for others. The antidote is forgiveness. When offended by someone, forgive quickly and work to heal the relationship. Refrain from gossip and avoid criticizing unless you can offer reasonable and useful solutions.

Gratitude and generosity go hand-in-hand. They remind us God is the source of all good, and that everything good we have is a gift to be enjoyed and shared. Stop the "compare-despair" cycle of envy and greed. Limit your time on social media and impulse shopping. Name something you appreciate daily, or find a way to show kindness each day.

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, June 1st 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.

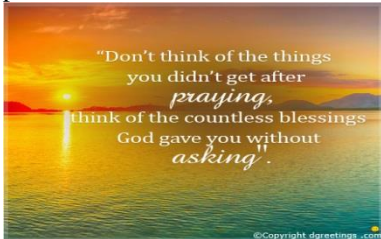
Marian High School News

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.



Rosary on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima will be held on Saturday, May 13th at 7:00 PM in Our Lady of Fatima Cemetery at the Grotto. Fatima Rosary will be said on the 13th of every month until October.



When We Work we work

When We pray God works

Information Regarding St. Casimir Church

Beginning the Sunday of June 18th, all Masses will be held at St. Casimir Church due to a lack of air conditioning at Divine Mercy Church. All Masses include: Saturday, Sunday, Weekday Masses, Funerals, Weddings & Spanish Mass.

We are asking people to help clean St. Casimir Church. Volunteers would be asked to bring a bucket and cleaning supplies. The cleaning will begin on Monday, June 5th at 5:00 PM.

If available, please call the parish office 570-462-1968 or Sr. Marietta 570-590-0435.

Thank you for all you do for our parish. It is greatly appreciated.



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.

“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 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.

BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL

Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the *Because We are Catholic Annual Appeal*. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120 gift to the Appeal may be setup with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how big or small. Your generosity funds the annual budget for important Diocesan ministries in our area. You can make your gift online at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.

Because We Are Catholic Information

· Parish Goal:	\$ 14,710.00
· Total Committed:	\$ 7,542.00
· Total Collected:	\$ 6,667.00
· Number of Donors:	63
· Average Gift:	\$ 119.71
· # of Registered Families:	2224

Ascension Thursday is a Holyday of Obligation. The Mass schedule will be as follows:

Wednesday	May 17th	5:30 PM	Divine Mercy
Thursday	May 18th	6:45 AM	Divine Mercy
Thursday	May 18th	7:00 PM	Divine Mercy (en espanol)

Make a Difference to Your Parish Family

The Catholic parish is a place of wonder and awe. It is in the arms of our parish that we experience God’s love, and share it with others. Each parishioner is important to a parish, especially now. Consider these ideas to make a difference to yours:

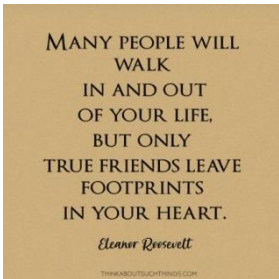
Take your place. As pandemic restrictions ease around the country, you can once again take a seat at your parish table. You take it when you attend weekend Mass, seek peace from Sacraments such as the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick, and participate in parish ministries.

Boost the faith of others. Even the strongest Catholics can sometimes falter in their faith. Look for opportunities to share Gospel values through your actions and words and you will strengthen the faith of those around you.

Pray for your parish. This is one of the most important contributions you can make. Join parish intentions to your own in daily prayer. Pray for parish ministries. Offer prayers for your priests and parish staff.

Build it, serve it, or pay for it. When there is a need in the parish, don’t wait for an invitation. Your parish family depends upon your efforts.

Help it grow. Invite friends, coworkers, or neighbors to join you in worship. Your parish might be the spiritual home they’ve been searching for.



Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated on **Monday, May 29th at 8:00 AM** at Divine Mercy Church.



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

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



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
MAY 13-14TH
ALL MASSES AT DIVINE MERCY**

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM	Elchisak, Michele	Heckard, Louise	Blank
7:30 AM	Oravitz Fell, Marguerite	Bronk, Cathy	Daynorowicz, Nolan
10:00 AM	Nowak, Cynthia	Sadusky, Joseph	Selbi, Jennifer & Rakus, Evan



*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

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.

Nativity & Green Booster Club will be sponsoring their annual basket auction on May 6th and 7th. Shop & drop on Saturday from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM and Sunday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Auction starts at 2:00 PM. Grand prize: camping package with kayak. Many great prizes, refreshments will be available. Any questions, please call Diane at 622-8110.

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat ~ An intimated 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.

Diocesan Event Coming Soon to Schuylkill County!

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/sfSWbN5EsUwvxFU7>



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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Financial Report -- March

Net March Income	\$ 34,184.77	Expenses	\$ 54,077.67
		Insurance	\$ 7,422.00
		Assessments	\$ 4,023.00
Total Income	\$ 34,184.77	Total Expenses	\$ 65,522.67
Expenses over income	\$ 31,337.90	This shows a loss of	\$ 31,337.90

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.



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

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.

