



Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of May 21, 2023

Monday, May 22, 2023

6:45 AM DM Loving Memory of Stanislawa Andrzejewska by Sr. Marietta
 2-4:00 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 6:00 PM DM **NO CONFESSIONS THIS EVENING**

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

6:45 AM DM Jack Wright by Charlotte & Dave Kriner

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

6:45 AM DM John, Tony & Francis Sherman by Wife & Mother
 5:30-7:00 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, May 25, 2023

6:45 AM DM James Chuta by Sr. Helene

Friday, May 26, 2023

6:45 AM DM Happy Birthday in Heaven, Brian McDonald by Mom
 2-4:00 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, May 27, 2023

8:00 AM DM Andrew & Bertha Pukavage by Children

3:45 PM DM Divine Mercy Chaplet
 4:00 PM DM Julius & Helen Venusti by Son, Thomas

Sunday, May 28, 2023

7:30 AM DM Living & Deceased Members of Phoenix Fire Co.
 9:40 AM DM Divine Mercy Chaplet
 10:00 AM DM Living & Deceased Members of Polish American Fire Co.
 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 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 Collections

4/30 - \$ 3,200.00
 5/7 - \$ 5,170.00



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



Divine Mercy Church Memorial Fund

Loving memory of Diane M. Kalyan

\$10 Husband, Ron & family
 \$10 Deb Abrachinsky & family

Joseph Prohibition

\$50 Ann Romano
 \$50 John & Kathy Sinkiewicz
 \$30 Divine Mercy Parishioners
 \$20 Ron & Sally Gennarini
 \$10 Ray & Cathy Sajone
 \$10 Betty Swartz
 \$10 Theresa Kolonsky
 \$10 Gino & Justine Monahan
 \$10 Romolo & Dorothy Laureti
 \$10 Shenandoah Area Senior Citizens
 \$10 Catherine Toborowski
 \$5 Tricia Palubinsky

Norman Dene

\$30 Divine Mercy Parishioners

John Matino

\$10 Gino & Justine Monahan
 \$5 Catherine Toborowski

Joseph Discavage

\$20 Barbara Hardy
 \$10 Fran & Maria Macus
 \$10 Gino & Justine Monahan

James Tedesco

\$5 Catherine Toborowski

Helen Savitsky

\$5 Catherine Toborowski

In memory of Anna Nasuti Kinderman and in honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

\$25 Sajone family

For Mother's Day - In memory of my Mother, Mary Oravitz and grandmothers, Jennie Oravitz & Pauline Demansky

\$5 Mary Ann Pronio

In loving memory of my dad, Emmett "Zaz" Oravitz - 22nd anniversary

\$5 Daughter, Mary Ann Pronio

Good health & speedy recovery for Sandy Gardinsky Schillo

\$20 John & Kathy Sinkiewicz

Special intentions

\$5 Anonymous

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.

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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
 Divine Mercy Prayers & good health for J.M., S.M., M.S., A.M., T.S. R.G., J.B., L.B., G.M., Z.S. by M/M John Maskornick
 Blessed Mother In memory of Albert Jr., Albert Sr., Anna, Joseph, George & Regina Discavage by Irene
 Blessed Mother Special intentions
 Blessed Mother Good health & God's blessings for Patricia Deysher by Deb Abrachinsky
 Blessed Mother Good health & successful surgery for Pat Roeder & special intentions for her doctors by Deb Abrachinsky & family
 Blessed Mother Special intentions
 Blessed Mother In loving memory of Rose Norris on Mother's Day by Daughter, Cathy & family
 Blessed Mother In loving memory of Helen Bronk on Mother's Day by Son, Al & family
 Blessed Mother In memory of Thomas Zarcufsky by Aunt Nikki
 Blessed Mother Good health & God's blessings for Jo Marie & Maria Rittle by Deb Abrachinsky
 Blessed Mother Good health & God's blessings for Amy Andersavage by Theresa & Diane
 Blessed Mother Special intentions
 St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
 St. Joseph In memory of Connell & Karvois families by Marilyn Connell
 St. Joseph In memory of "Daddy" Brennan by Damian Birchess
 OLMC Special intentions by Ann Marnell Lehman
 OLMC Special intentions for John Kelly
 Altar God's blessings for Benjamin Twardzik & Morgan Aulenbach as they begin their married life together
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St. Casimir

Sanctuary In loving memory of my dad, George Rittle by daughter, Maria
 Czestochowa In loving memory of all Mothers in Michalik, Mentel, Zelonis, Lenkaitis & Shirvinski families by Michael & Marie Michalik
 Czestochowa In memory of Evelyn Lusavage by Mary Lusavage & family
 Divine Mercy In loving memory of Frank Macus by Fran & Maria
 Divine Mercy Special intentions for Christopher, Hope, Benjamin, Morgan & continued healing for Abby
 Divine Mercy In memory of John & Helen Pukavige by children
 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 Florence Filozof by Ray & Marilyn Filozof
 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, Dawn, Abby, Gary Sr., & Joann Pribish
 Blessed Mother Special intentions by Joan Madaffari
 Sacred Heart Special intentions by Mary Kufro
 Sacred Heart Special intentions for Marc & Christopher
 St. Anthony Special intentions for Marc & Christopher

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

Bible Group will meet at the Father Ciszek Center on Thursday, June 8th 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 Ciszek Center

Franciscan Group will meet on Thursday, June 15th at 6:30 PM at the Father Ciszek Center.

Marian Catholic High School Information Sessions

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



Rosary on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima will be held on Tuesday, June 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.

Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal We are grateful to all who pledged their support this weekend to the 2023 *Because We are Catholic Annual Appeal*. Your gift will allow our Diocese to meet the many and varied needs of people in our community. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how big or small. If you did not take the opportunity to make your gift, you may do so at any time over the next few weeks by placing your pledge form in the collection basket or visiting the Appeal website at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org. Thank you for your support!

Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated on **Monday, May 30th at 8:00 AM** at Divine Mercy Church.



Nativity Happenings

Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated on May 31st at 7:00 PM in the gym with Bishop Schlert as the Main Celebrant. Graduation ceremonies will be held in the school gymnasium beginning at 7:00 PM on June 1st (tickets are required). Our closing of school mass will be held on June 6th. Members of the Art Club and Mrs. Schwenk represented Nativity at the Block of Art in Downtown Pottsville the weekend of April 29th. Nativity students participated in the City of Pottsville's annual Arbor Day ceremony held at Charles Baber Cemetery on April 28th. This event was featured with an article in the Pottsville Republican newspaper. Nativity's Interact Club held its bi-annual Blood Drive through the American Red Cross at the school on May 1st.

What are the Precepts of the Catholic Church

- To observe certain feasts.
- To keep the prescribed fasts.
- To attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
- To confess once a year.
- To receive Holy Communion during paschal time.
- To pay tithes.
- To abstain from any act upon which an interdict has been placed entailing excommunication.



Do You Know of a parishioner who will be graduating/or who has graduated from Grade School, High School, Trade School or College? We ask that you please notify the parish office with their name and all the names will be published in a future bulletin.

Thank You....

From Rev. Charles Dene for all the cards, candles and good wishes sent for my anniversary. I will continue to keep everyone in my daily prayers.

Marian High School Volleyball Team will be having a Gift Card Bingo on Sunday, May 21st. It will be held at the Mahoning Valley Ambulance Building, 902 Mill Road, Lehighton. Doors open at 12 noon and the games start at 1:00 PM. The cost is \$ 20.00/includes 20 games! There will be basket raffles, a 50/50, bake sale items, and hot food available for purchase. For more information contact Kathy Goff at 610-704-8037 or Janis Svorak at 929-2921.

Take Good Care of Yourself , You belong to God

Taking care of ourselves can become a low priority in the midst of other obligations. Yet caring for our bodies and minds is a duty we have to God. He needs us strong and healthy so we can help build up His kingdom.

Body: What you put into your body is even more important than what you put on it. Take steps to make your diet healthier and more nourishing. Avoid drugs or excessive alcohol. Doctors urge daily exercise and eight hours of sleep each night.

Mind: Become picky about what you feed your mind, too. What you watch, read, and listen to influences the way you look at the world. Evidence shows that it's hard to regularly watch violent shows or movies and still be a calm and happy person. Programs or movies that portray infidelity or promiscuity as acceptable behaviors eventually dull our sense of sin. Feed your mind positive, Gospel-centered images that will build you up and inspire you. Surround yourself with people who do the same.

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 27TH-28TH
ALL MASSES AT DIVINE MERCY**

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM	Brophy, Marty	Elchisak, Michele	Blank
7:30 AM	Bronk, Cathy	Selvocki, Joseph	Blank
10:00 AM	Twardzik, Joann	Domkus, Frances	Estrada, Caesar Estrada, Jose



*May & June Schedules are 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!

Diocesan Event Coming Soon to Schuylkill County!

Women’s Easter Retreat - Wednesday, May 24th from 6:00-8:00 PM, at St. Anne’s Church, 49 North Line St., Frackville. Social to follow at 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>

St. Joseph Center is participating in a Diocese-wide lip-dubbing competition, Make a Joyful Noise, and we need your support! Please visit www.weloveourcatholicschools.com to see SJC and other schools from around the Diocese celebrate the spirit and joy of Catholic education. Funds raised will go directly to our programs. Thank you for making SJC a winner!

Dear Friends,

I want to thank you for your attention and interest as we have presented the 2023 *Because We are Catholic Annual Appeal* the past few weeks.

I know that there are many obligations and concerns facing each of you and your families, but, as your Pastor, I want you to know that I support this effort. Every year, the Appeal provides the means to continue the mission that Christ has entrusted to us: to serve, to educate, to care for the poor and marginalized, and to be an inspiration of hope. The ministries, seminarians, retired priests, and programs that benefit from this effort allow us to fulfill our Diocesan Mission which is to be a Roman Catholic Family of Faith, centered in the Holy Eucharist, faithful to the Church’s teaching, bringing the Light of Christ to each other, and to our community.

I am confident that together, with every family’s participation, we can and will make a difference in furthering Christ’s work on earth. Please take a few minutes to prayerfully consider making your commitment today by completing a pledge envelope and dropping it off at the office, through the mail or in the collection basket. For those of you who have already made a gift, I thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Rev. Msgr. Ronald C. Bocian

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

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 800-276-1562.

Servicio de Denuncia de Abusos de Obispos Católicos

Si tiene una denuncia de abuso contra un obispo, comuníquese con el Servicio de Denuncias de Abuso de Obispos Católicos en www.ReportBishopAbuse.org o llamando al 800-276-1562

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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.

What is the Meaning of the Miraculous Medal?

The Miraculous Medal, given to St. Catherine Labouré in 1830, was designed by the Blessed Mother to teach us three things:

Mary prays for us: The medal’s front reads: *O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.* We don’t pray to her; she prays for us! Of course, we can go directly to Jesus anytime. In fact, Mary’s role is to bring us to Jesus as swiftly and safely as possible.

Evil can be defeated: Mary is shown crushing Satan’s head, recalling the prophecy of his defeat (Genesis 3:15). Mary’s humble “yes” to God paved the way for Christ’s victory over death, sin, and evil. When we give God our “yes,” then Christ’s victory bears fruit in our lives.

Grace is always available: St. Catherine asked why only some of the gemstones in Mary’s rings radiated light. Her answer? The dim gems symbolize “the graces for which souls forget to ask.” God’s grace is always available to us. All we have to do is ask.

