



# Divine Mercy Parish

## Mass Schedule for the Week of June 4, 2023

### *Monday, June 5, 2023*

**6:45 AM** DM No Mass  
**2-4:00 PM** Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
**6:00 PM** DM **NO CONFESSIONS THIS EVENING**

### *Tuesday, June 6, 2023*

**6:45 AM** DM No Mass

### *Wednesday, June 7, 2023*

**6:45 AM** DM No Mass  
**5:30-7 PM** Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### *Thursday, June 8, 2023*

**6:45 AM** DM No Mass

### *Friday, June 9, 2023*

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

### *Saturday, June 10, 2023*

**8:00 AM** DM No Mass  
**1:00 PM** SC Buchanan – Reese Nuptials

**3:45 PM** DM Divine Mercy Chaplet  
**4:00 PM** DM Buchinsky & Mirocke Families by Family

### *Sunday, June 11, 2023*

**7:30 AM** DM Teresa & Chester Bronk by Nephew, Al & Family  
**9:40 AM** DM Divine Mercy Chaplet  
**10:00 AM** DM Matthew & Helen Baranowski & Walter Choplick Sr.  
by Theresa Kehl  
**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](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 Collections**

5/21 - \$3,904.00  
5/28 - \$7,480.00



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



**Divine Mercy Church Memorial Fund**

**Joseph Prohibition**

\$20 Tom & Pam Twardzik & Sons  
 \$10 Geraldine Talerico  
 \$10 Val Sajone

**John Matino**

\$25 Albert & Diane Bindie  
 \$10 Ron & Sally Gennarini  
 \$10 Sue Prohibition

**Shirley Barlow**

\$5 Sally Gennarini

**Joseph Waiksnoris**

\$5 Daughters & family  
 \$5 Grandchildren & great grandchildren

**Louise Palubinsky**

\$25 Joe, Donna, Allen, Tricia & family

**Clarence Oshman**

\$10 Peter Ulicny

**Robert Zeminsky**

\$10 Theresa Tunilla  
 \$10 Colosimo & Macker families

**Health & God's blessings for my faithful friend, Mary Ann**

\$10 Dolores

**Thank you St. Rita for prayers answered through your intercession and to Our Sacred Heart**

\$5 C.P.

**Special intentions**

\$5 Anonymous

**Congratulations to the following who received First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 14th at Divine Mercy Parish:**

Joel Abreu Acosta & Pandora Sanchez.  
 May God bless these children and keep them in His care.

**Divine Mercy Donations for Heritage Day**

\$100 Cadau family  
 \$50 Bozylinski family  
 \$20 Margaret McAndrew

**Holy Communion Calls**

If you or one of your loved ones are homebound and unable to attend Mass, please call the rectory 462-1968 or Sr. Marietta 590-0435 to receive Holy Communion.

**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  
 Divine Mercy In memory of Frank Muraczewski on his birthday 5/26 by Pat & Leo  
 Blessed Mother In memory of Stanley Gawrylik by Niece, Cathy & family  
 Blessed Mother In memory of Matt & Kathryn Chuplis by family  
 Blessed Mother In memory of Albert Jr., Albert Sr., Anna, Joseph, George & Regina Discavage by Irene  
 Blessed Mother God's blessings & prayers for Billy Jo Aponick by Aunt Nikki  
 Blessed Mother God's blessings & prayers for Charlotte Litwak by Sister, Nikki  
 St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family  
 St. Joseph In memory of Connell & Karvois families by Marilyn Connell  
 St. Joseph Special intentions  
 OLMC Special intentions for John Kelly family  
 OLMC In memory of Thomas Talerico by wife  
 OLMC Special intentions for John Kelly family  
 OLMC Special intentions by Ann Marnell Lehman

**St. Casimir**

Sanctuary In loving memory of my dad, George Rittle by Daughter, Maria  
 Czestochowa In memory of our dad, John F. Bagienski by Baginski family  
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 Divine Mercy In loving memory of Frank Macus by Fran & Maria  
 Divine Mercy Special intentions for Christopher, Hope, Benjamin, Morgan, Marc & 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 In loving memory of my mom by Tricia  
 Blessed Mother Special intentions, in thanksgiving, good health for Msgr. Bocian, Stephen Bocian, Fr. Dene, Brian Rooney, George Huss, Abby, Dawn, Joann Pribish, Estelle McLaren, Mary Lou & Joe  
 Blessed Mother In loving memory of Joe & Joestelle by wife & mother  
 St. Anthony Missing my parents, Anthony & Helene Seroka by Daughter, Janet Lukashunas  
 St. Anthony One year in heaven for my brother-in-law, Anthony Blaschak by Sister-in-law, Janet Lukashunas  
 St. Anthony Special intentions for Marc & Christopher  
 Sacred Heart Special intentions for Marc & Christopher  
 St. Ann Special intentions by Mary Kufro

**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 everyone who helped with the setup for our stand at Heritage Day/Kielbosi Festival, those who worked at our stand, those who donated any baked item and those who made a monetary donation to the parish. Also, thank you to those who stopped by our stand and supported our parish Heritage Day/Kielbosi Festival. Your generosity and support of the parish is greatly appreciated. [And thank you to Grizzly's for the use of their facilities.](#)

**Congratulations to our 50/50 Winner from Heritage Day:  
 Dorothy Goetz \$ 50.00**

Prayer Group will meet at the Father Ciszek Center on Thursday, July 6th at 6:30 PM

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.

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



**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** 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 small. Your generosity funds the annual budget for important Diocesan ministries in our area. You can make your gift online at [BecauseWeAreCatholic.org](http://BecauseWeAreCatholic.org).

**Others First**

Most of us will never feel even a small part of the pain Jesus endured during his crucifixion. What is most amazing, however, is that Jesus was able to put aside his own incredible pain to think of others. From the Cross, he forgave his enemies, won the good thief's soul, made final arrangements for his mother's care, and prayed for his persecutors. He put others first. He asks that we do the same.

**Kielbosi Festival/Heritage Day & Summer Food Sale Meeting**

Again, we would like to thank everyone who helped in any way for Kielbosi Festival/Heritage Day. Your support is greatly appreciated. Please join us on Tuesday, June 6th at 6:30 PM at Trinity Academy School Regarding our first time at Heritage Day/Kielbosi Festival and to discuss about Summer Food Sale



**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.

**Information Regarding Weekday Mass Schedule from June 5th to 9th**

Msgr. Bocian will be away on vacation at this time and there will be NO weekday Masses said during this time. However, we are providing a Mass schedule from St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Frackville and St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Mahanoy City.

**St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Mahanoy City Weekday Mass Schedule will be as follows:**

Masses will be held in St. Cecelia's Chapel: **Monday, Tuesday & Friday 6:45 AM and Thursday 6:00 PM**

**St. Joseph the Worker Weekday Mass Schedule will be as follows:**

**Monday & Wednesday - 8:30 AM at St. Ann's Church, Frackville Tuesday & Friday - 8:30 AM at St. Ann's Church, Frackville**



**Is the Church Always Right?**

At the Last Supper, Jesus promised his disciples he would send the Holy Spirit to guide them "to all truth" (Jn 16:13). "The Advocate, the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you" (John 14:26). The Apostles handed on their authority and mission to their successors, -- the pope and the bishops. Together, they are responsible for "giving an authentic interpretation of the Word of God" (CCC #85; *Dei Verbum*, 10, § 2). The whole Church, because it is under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, cannot err in matters of faith and morals. Also, "The whole body of the faithful... cannot err in matters of belief. This characteristic is shown in the supernatural appreciation of faith (*sensus fidei*) on the part of the whole people" (CCC 92). That means that individual members may make mistakes, sometimes publically. Then the Church must clarify "what has always and everywhere been believed by all" (St. Vincent of Lerins).



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

**Diocesan Information**

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

**Victim Assistance Coordinator** The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church. Victim Assistance Coordinator—**Direct Telephone Number:** 1-800-791-9209. To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown’s Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) and click on “Youth Protection” in the upper right hand- corner of the page.

**WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR  
JUNE 10TH-11TH  
ALL MASSES AT DIVINE MERCY**

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM	Brophy, Marty	Mealia, Patrick	Blank
7:30 AM	Bronk, Cathy	Grochowski, Jennifer	Snitzer, Isabella
10:00 AM	Twardzik, Pam	Twardzik, Thomas	Estrada, Caesar Estrada, Jose

**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.**

**Give Your Prayer Life a Boost**

A rich prayer life is the key to happiness in this life and the next. Enriching our prayer is not always about the prayers we say, however. How we approach our time in prayer can be as important.

**“Be still, and know that I am God”** (Psalm 46:11). When we greet a dear friend, we may wave, hug, or say, “hello.” When beginning prayer, start by placing yourself in God’s presence and greet him as a dearly loved one.

**Come as you are.** God is the only one in our lives with whom we can be completely ourselves. We don’t need to have special clothing, use flowery language, or fold our hands a certain way. For prayer to work, we just have to bring our whole selves. You will be amazed by what he will do with that.

**Take time out.** “Silence is so lacking in this world which is often too noisy, which is not favorable to recollection and listening to the voice of God” (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI). Find fifteen minutes you can make silent and place God at the center of your attention.

**Don’t stop with prayer.** Prayer helps us to learn God’s will for us. When we act in communion with his will, it is then that our whole life becomes a prayer in action.

**Welcome** to Jose Chagolla Jr. who was baptized on Sunday, May 28th. Jose is the son of Jose Chagolla & Farrah Hoff. May God bless him and keep him in His care.



**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](mailto:prusso@allentowndioocese.org)

**Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service**

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**Financial Report -- April**

Net April Income	\$ 47,817.22	Expenses	\$ 39,411.39
		Insurance	\$ 7,422.00
		Assessments	\$ 4,023.00
Total Income	\$ 47,817.22	Total Expenses	\$ 50,856.39
Expenses over income	\$ 3,039.17	This shows a loss of	\$ 3,039.17

**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.



**Our parish is in need** of Lectors, Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested in any of these ministries, we ask that you please call the parish office at 462-1968.

**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.

**Love and Live Your Faith**

Faith in God is not a passive virtue resting in the background of our lives. Belief and love for God compels us to an active life of serving, sharing, and living our faith daily.

**Embrace excellence.** All that we do becomes a prayer when we give our employers, communities, neighborhoods and families our best abilities in God’s name.

**Celebrate the Eucharist.** No Catholic life is complete without weekly Mass attendance. Do what is necessary so you can receive Communion.

**Become family.** Register in your parish and look for ways to get involved in a parish ministry, such as lecturing, ushering, singing, or becoming a Eucharistic minister.

**Be joyful.** Scripture comforts us with the assurance that God will not rest until we find our way home to him. Reject Earthly worry and live with joy. God is in control.

**Forgive often.** Learn to practice this critical skill – and to ask for it when needed.

**Flee temptation.** St. Peter tells us to "escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires" (2 Peter 1:4). Ask God often to protect you from sin, to give you the wisdom and courage to make good choices.

**Listen to God.** Be sensitive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. God will reveal when you've messed up, and rejoice with you when you get it right.

From Scripture:

**Luke 24:46-53, Our Mission From God**

This passage is Luke’s version of the Ascension when Jesus ascends to His Father in Heaven. Jesus gave his disciples a mission before entering Heaven. First, He reminded them that His suffering, death, and Resurrection were part of God’s plan. These events, called the Paschal Mystery, are so important we recall them at every Mass.

Then, Jesus sent His disciples out to call others to repentance and discipleship. Having heard about Christ’s suffering, death and Resurrection for their salvation, the next logical step would be to repent – literally, to “go beyond their usual way of thinking.” People were and are invited to reconcile with God by the forgiveness of their sins through the Sacraments.

Jesus died for everyone, but not everyone knew about it. The mission of His first followers was to tell everyone how God saved them and to offer them, in Christ’s name, a way forward: repentance and forgiveness. If we know Christ, His sacrifice, His love, and the eternal life He offers us, we are commanded to tell others, whether by word, deed, or living example.



**Why do Catholics Ask For Indulgences?**

Every sin has consequences. Obtaining forgiveness through the Sacrament of Penance restores our friendship with God so that we can eventually go to Heaven, but we still must first suffer punishment for our sin.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC, 1471) says that through an indulgence, God grants the prayer of the Church that the temporal penalty for sin is reduced or even eliminated. For example, after certain actions and prayers, a plenary indulgence can remove the temporal punishment for sin.



**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel with the Annual Novena**

will begin on July 6th. The Novena Mass will be at 8:00 AM each day at St. Casimir Church. The final Mass will be held on Sunday, July 16th at 8:00 AM at St. Casimir with Procession following.

**Regarding the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Procession**

The honor of carrying the statue of Our Lady and the Canopy **will not** be bid on this year but will be shared by interested individuals and families who wish to participate in the procession by carrying Our Lady. All Divine Mercy Parishioners and friends are invited to participate. As in previous years, the large replica of the Rosary will be included in the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel procession. All children and teenagers are invited to help carry, for a little, for a block, as long as you wish. Adult participation is always welcome. Come and join this beautiful tradition honoring our Blessed Mother. If you are interested, please contact the parish office for all the details and to request or arrange a block assignment.

**Cinta Candles**

Candles for candle houses (Cintas) for the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel will be available within the next few weeks at Divine Mercy Church. Donation is \$1.00 per candle. Consider participating in the procession with your own candle house in honor of, thanksgiving for or requesting Our Lady’s intercession.

**DIVINE MERCY PARISH  
SUMMER FOOD SALE**

Will be held on

Friday, July 14th from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM  
Saturday, July 15th from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM and  
Sunday, July 16th from Noon to 6:00 PM



In Divine Mercy Parish  
Parking Lot

Raffle Tickets will be mailed to parishioners!!

**Know Him, Love Him, and Serve Him & To Be Happy Forever**

The Baltimore Catechism taught us that God made us to “know him, to love him, and to serve him in this world, and to be happy with him forever in the next.” In truth, God loves us and wants us to love him back.

**Knowing him.** Each of us was created with a place in our hearts just for God. Until we discover it, we may try to fill it with earthly things but nothing else fits. Remove the clutter, turn to God and the reward is peace.

**Loving him.** Jesus asked us to love God with all our hearts because surrendering to God is the best way to experience his infinite love. Show your love by praying daily, seeking Communion with him often, and thanking him for his goodness.

**Serving him.** When we make sure others have enough to eat, warm clothes to wear, and a place to stay, Jesus takes it personally. It’s what he asked us to do.

