



Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of July 9, 2023

Monday, July 10, 2023

8:00 AM SC **In Honor of OLMC & In Memory of George Beaver** by Michael & Mary Alice Gualtier

2-4:00 PM Chapel **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

6 – 6:30 PM SC **Confessions**

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

8:00 AM SC **In Honor of OLMC & In Memory of Shearstone Family** by Michael & Mary Alice Gualtier

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

8:00 AM SC **In Honor of OLMC & In Memory of Rauco, Kolonsky & Burba Families** by Theresa Kolonsky

5:30-7 PM Chapel **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Thursday, July 13, 2023

8:00 AM SC **In Honor of OLMC & In Memory of Beaver Family** by Michael & Mary Alice Gualtier

Friday, July 14, 2023

8:00 AM SC **In Honor of OLMC & In Memory of Deceased of the Romano & Faustini Families** by Ann Romano

Saturday, July 15, 2023

8:00 AM SC **In Honor of OLMC & In Memory of Thomas Mundy Sr. Anniversary of Death 7/9** by Family

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

4:00 PM SC **In Honor of OLMC & In Memory of Deceased of the Bell & Lombard Families** by Jim & Gina Lombard

Sunday, July 16, 2023

8:00 AM SC **In Honor of OLMC & For A Special Intention** by Ciotola Family

12:30 PM SC **Living & Deceased Priests – Diocese of Allentown**

En Espanol

Please Note: There will be no 7:30 AM or 10:00 Mass on Sunday, July 16th.

“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.

Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, July 13th due to our food sale preparation and Friday, July 14th. Parish Office will reopen on Monday, July 17th at 9:30 AM.

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

Will be announced in a later bulletin!

Please Note:

There is no 7:30 AM or 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, July 16th at St. Casimir. Mass will be at 8:00 AM with OLMC Procession following Mass.

Divine Mercy Church Memorial Fund

In loving memory of Diane M. Kalyan

\$20 Husband, Ron & family

Special intentions

\$5 Anonymous

Mega Prize Donations

- \$100 Joe & Sharon Sadusky
- \$100 Tom & Pam Twardzik
- \$100 Treshock family
- \$100 Anne Grochowski
- \$50 Peggy McGuire
- \$50 Lucky's Kielbasi Shop/Janet & David Lukashunas
- \$50 Bob & Mary Bozylinski
- \$30 Ed & Kay Zuber
- \$30 Ann & Robert Taylor
- \$30 Anonymous
- \$30 M/M Gino Monahan
- \$25 Joseph Vevasis
- \$25 George & Jessica McKay
- \$25 Stephanie Oshman
- \$25 Angie Yarnitsky
- \$25 Ginny & Bob Stanziaola
- \$20 Joanne Koles
- \$20 Veronica Sidle
- \$20 Bruce & Irene Mallick
- \$20 Marie & Stan Wowak
- \$20 Lenore Zarcufsky
- \$20 Susan Supreme
- \$20 Tom Venusti
- \$20 Lisa M. Rittle Boltz
- \$20 Patsy Bright
- \$10 Madeline Buchinsky
- \$10 Nellie Clark
- \$10 Louise Gervalis
- \$10 Joan Winkler
- \$10 John & Michelle Onisick
- \$10 Dorothy Derr
- \$10 M/M Ronald Kayes
- \$10 Burke family
- \$10 Edward Macknis
- \$10 Ronald Kiselewski
- \$10 Joann Pribish
- \$10 Francis Caulfield
- \$10 Roseanne Malinoski
- \$10 Gloria Norcavage
- \$10 Theresa Tunilla
- \$10 Margaret McAndrew
- \$10 Joan Chesonis
- \$10 Denise Boris
- \$5 Salvatore Madaffari
- \$5 Christine Leshar

Food Sale Donations

- \$50 Bob & Mary Bozylinski
- \$50 Ed & Kay Zuber
- \$20 Joanne Koles
- \$15 Susan Supreme
- \$10 Gloria Norcavage
- \$10 Margaret McAndrew

Devotional Candles

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, Joseph, George & Regina Discavage by Irene
- St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
- St. Joseph In memory of Connell & Karvois families by Marilyn Connell
- OLMC In honor of OLMC & special intentions by Dorothy & Romolo
- OLMC In honor of OLMC & in memory of Rose Ciotola by children
- OLMC In honor of OLMC & in memory of Mary Jo & RJ Piekarski by cousin
- OLMC In honor of OLMC & for a special intention by Ciotola family
- OLMC In honor of OLMC & in memory of Mary Mikalonis by sister
- OLMC Special intentions for John Kelly family

St. Casimir

- Sanctuary In loving memory of my Dad, George Rittle by Daughter, Maria
- Divine Mercy In loving memory of Frank Macus by Fran & Maria
- Divine Mercy Special intentions by Louis & Donna Kowalski
- Divine Mercy In memory of John T. McGuire by wife, Peg
- Blessed Mother In loving memory of Joe & Joestelle DeLuca by wife/mother
- Blessed Mother In memory of Veronica Rittle by granddaughter, Lisa Rittle
- St. Joseph In memory of Leonard Tunilla on his birthday in heaven 7/14 by love & miss you by family

Chapel

- Sanctuary Special intentions by Msgr. B
- Blessed Mother Prayers & good health for Emily Seigel by uncle Ed & aunt Kerri
- St. Joseph Special intentions by Msgr. B

Congratulations

Sister Helene

who will celebrate her 66th anniversary in the religious life on Sunday, July 16th. Please continue to keep Sr. Helene in your daily prayers that God will grant her many more years here at our parish and good health.



We would like to wish Sister Edna a very happy 95th birthday and we wish her many, many more. May God bless her with good health.

Share Your Faith

In this time of uncertainty, followers of Jesus know that worry is unnecessary. We know God wants us to experience his peace and share it with others. Try these tips to help others lean on God: **Go deep into God's love.** It is ours today, tomorrow, and forever. "... *Good indeed is the Lord, His mercy endures forever, his faithfulness lasts through every generation*" (Psalm 100:5). Experiencing Sacraments, reading Scripture, and spending time in prayer are keys to growing in God's love and sharing it. **Share your confidence in God's care.** Jesus promised that God will give us all we need, "*Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on ... your heavenly Father knows that you need them all*" (Matthew 6:25, 32). Stress stems from the absence of certainty and control over our future. When we put ourselves in God's care, we can feel peace. **Demonstrate trust in God.** While we may not be completely free from worry, St. Paul wrote, "*Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus*" (Philippians 4:6-7).

Prayer Group will meet at the Father Cizek Center on Thursday, August 3rd at 6:30 PM

Bible Group for July has been cancelled due to Rosary in Our Lady of Fatima Cemetery.

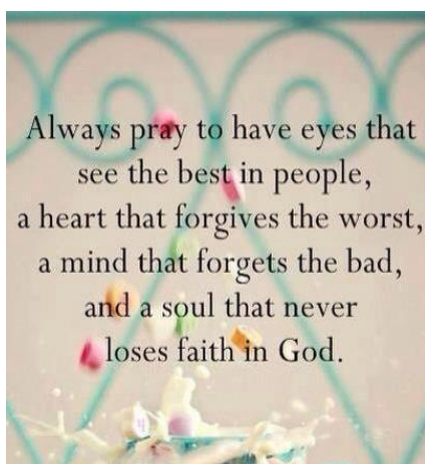
For more information, call Sr. Marietta 590-0435 or the parish office 462-1968.

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

Rosary on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima will be held on Thursday, July 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.



Where is the Real Catholic Church?

The Catholic Church is not just a building or a group of people. Rather, the real Church is a family begun by Jesus, extending all over the world, stretching through time and space.

In **Heaven** live those members who completed their earthly lives as God intended. They watch over us when we ask.

Members in **Purgatory** did their best to follow Jesus but died without having made adequate penance for their venial sins. Our prayers help them get to Heaven.

And those of us who are members on **Earth** are still living within the family, trying to make it to Heaven.

All three groups make up the Church and we are all connected forever. So not only can we ask our friends on Earth to pray for us, we can appeal for prayers to those who are face-to-face with God.

The Church began with Christ but is populated by humans. Still, we are all called to live fully in Christ's image. That means the Church is anywhere we are.

Upcoming Events

St. John the Baptist Church, Pottsville will host its Summer Festival on Friday, July 14th and Saturday, July 15th from 5:00 PM to 9:30 PM each night on the parish grounds at 9th St. & Schuylkill Avenue in Pottsville. Great food, varied games of chance, children and teen games, pot luck stand, theme baskets and entertainment. Come & enjoy the fun.

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.

Our Registration fee of \$75.00 is non-refundable. Please call Sr. Patricia Mount at 462-3927 to set up an appointment or to request a registration packet.

What to do About Loneliness?

"The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone'" (Genesis 2:18). God intends for us to share our lives with others. Despite this, everyone experiences loneliness. It is tempting to avoid the painful feelings but try these ideas instead.

When in need of love, give it yourself. Loneliness makes us turn inward, focusing on our own pain. To help relieve that pain, think instead of others. Our own pain can help us recognize others in pain and inspires us to reach out. **Become a loving presence in lonely places.** Jesus said, *"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ..."* (Matthew 25:35-36). Homeless shelters, soup kitchens, hospitals, and nursing homes can be lonely places. Take up or join a ministry that brings God's presence to people there whenever you can. **Be active in your parish.** If you don't have a church home, join the parish where you attend Mass. If you already belong, volunteer for a parish ministry. **Tell God all about it.** The feeling of being alone is disheartening but followers of Christ know we are never alone. Spend time each day with Scripture to get to know God well. Then talk to him as your closest friend.

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 MarieJohnson, . 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 JULY 15TH & 16TH – ALL MASSES AT ST. CASIMIR

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM	Maskornick, Sherri	Elchisak, Michele	Blank
8:00 AM	Daynorowicz, Nolan	Grochowski, Jennifer	Daynorowicz, Nolan

Information for PREP Registration

Registration for Divine Mercy Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) 2023-2024

Registration for the 2023-2024 Parish Religious Education Program will take place in the cafeteria of the Divine Mercy Parish Center located at 233 West Cherry Street, directly across the street from Divine Mercy Church. This program is for all children in grades 1 to 8 who belong to Divine Mercy Parish.

Please come to register on the following days and times.
Sunday, July 23rd from 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM
Mon. July 24th, Tues, July 25th, Wed. July 26th & Thurs, July 27th from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

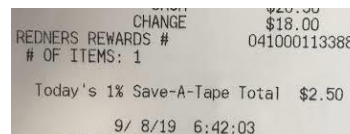
If your child is new to our program, please bring a copy of your child’s Baptismal Certificate.

The fee for the program is \$50.00 for one child & \$90.00 for two or more children.

Registration fee is due when you register. If you need financial aid speak with Sister Mary.

Classes are held on Thursday evenings from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM in the Parish Center.
Classes begin on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 6:00 PM.
Students in the Confirmation Class who will make their Confirmation this October will have classes on Tuesday evenings from September 12th to October 31st. When we receive the date for Confirmation the students will be informed.

If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office 462-1968, the convent 462-1024 or Sister Mary’s number at 484-888-1358. Thank you, Sister Mary



Redner’s “Save – A- Tape” Receipts

Divine Mercy Parish is now collecting the “Save-A-Tape” from Redner’s Markets. Please drop off your receipts in the collection or mail box or bring them to the parish office during regular office hours. The parish will receive a check for 1% of what is collected. Please support your parish and collect the receipts. Thank you for all of your support throughout the year. It is greatly appreciated.

So far our parish has received a total of **\$ 2,047.61** from collecting the receipts from Redners. Please keep sending them in. Thank you for your support!

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 -- May

Net May Income	\$ 36,373.32	Expenses	\$ 40,958.71
		Insurance	\$ 7,422.00
		Assessments	\$ 4,023.00
Total Income	\$ 36,373.32	Total Expenses	\$ 52,403.71
Expenses over income	\$ 16,030.39	This shows a loss of	\$ 16,030.39

**Divine Mercy Parish
Pierogies are available at the parish office \$ 8.00 per dozen.**

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.

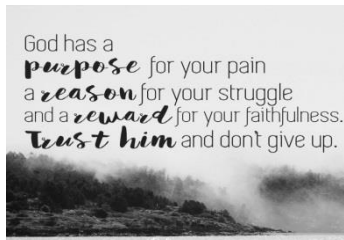
Shenandoah Area Free Public Library... Summer Reading Programs “All Together Now” – themes of friendship, unity, working together & kindness. Option 1: Stay & Play... Monday July 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Crafts, games, reading & fun. Ages 4 to 12. Option 2: Grab & Go... June 21st to August 2nd - summer reading challenges, reading logs & home activities. Earn enough points to be able to pick prizes. Register at SAFPL: 462-9829.



The Shenandoah Valley School District would like to announce the free summer lunch program. It began on June 11th and will run until August 11th. Closing the week of July 3rd through July 7th, for the holiday and will reopen July 10th. A lunch will be served Monday through Friday at 11:00 AM till 12:30 PM at the Shenandoah Valley Elementary Cafeteria. It is free to all children 18 and under regardless of race, color, national origin, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, age or disability and there will be no discrimination in the course of the program. We will continue to keep you informed if there are any changes. If you have any questions, you can contact Theresa Knipe, Cafe Manager at 462-1950 or knipt@svbluedevils.org.



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.



“There’s a Saint for That!”

Down the ages, Catholics have invoked the saints for their prayers, even for everyday things. It was a way of offering everything to God, through the saints’ prayers, even little things like losing your keys! Here are some “holy helpers”:

Airplane travelers, astronauts:

St. Joseph of Cupertino miraculously levitated while at prayer.

Accountants, bankers: St.

Matthew the Apostle was a dishonest tax collector until Christ called him to be an Apostle (Matthew 9:9).

Battle, soldiers, doctors,

police: St. Michael the Archangel led the angels to victory against the Devil and his forces (Revelation 12:7-9).

Finding lost things: St.

Anthony of Padua prayed and recovered his stolen prayer book.

Plagues, pestilence, sick

people: St. Roch cared for victims of the plague in Italy.

Students, teachers, schools: St.

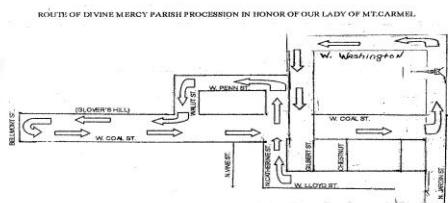
Thomas Aquinas, once teased as “the Dumb Ox,” was actually one of the most brilliant scholars in the Church.

As a reminder, we can always pray “straight to God” with our prayers. The saints, our companions, are only meant to guide us to God.



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel with the Annual Novena

Began 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.



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Procession Route From St. Casimir

- Process from St. Casimir
- To W. Washington St.
- To Gilbert St.
- From W. Lloyd St. to N. Catherine St.
- To W. Penn St.
- To Walnut St.
- To West Coal St.
- To Belmont St. (turnaround)
- To W. Coal St.
- To N. Jardin St.
- Back To St. Casimir

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

Cinta Candles

Candles for candle houses (Cintas) for the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel will be available at St. Casimir 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

Held in Divine Mercy Church Parking Lot, West Cherry St.

Menu: Bar-B-Que, Bleenies, Haluskie, Dill Pickles, Meatball Hoagies, Homemade Pierogies, Sausage Hoagies with peppers & onions, Wedding Soup, Spanish Foods, Baked Goods

Cakes or any type of baked items are needed for our food sale. Please call Sr. Marietta 590-0435 or office 462-1968 if you are able to donate.

Raffle Tickets were mailed to parishioners!!

Please do not put your raffle tickets for Divine Mercy Food Sale in the collection basket the weekend of July 15th and 16th. Please drop them off at the parish office.

Help is needed for Food Sale, if available, please call the office.