

En Espanol

Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of August 20, 2023

Monday, August 21, 2023 Yodis Family by Evelyn Yodis Taylor 6:45 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel 2-4:00 PM 6 - 6:30 PMConfessions at St. Casimir Tuesday, August 22, 2023 In Loving Memory of Helen Zancusky by Daughter, Joan 6:45 AM SC Wednesday, August 23, 2023 Geraldine Zubowicz by Sherry & Tom Squierdo 6:45 AM SC 5:30-7 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday, August 24, 2023 6:45 AM SC Anna & Adie Jankaitis by Charlotte & Dave Kriner Friday, August 25, 2023 SC Regina Straka by Paul Straka 6:45 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-4:00 PM Chapel Saturday, August 26, 2023 8:00 AM SC John McGuire by Wife, Peg 3:45 PM SC **Divine Mercy Chaplet** Leonard & Eleanor Visgaitis by Daughter, Patricia 4:00 PM SC Sunday, August 27, 2023 Diane Donovan by Charlotte & Dave Kriner 7:30 AM SC **Divine Mercy Chaplet** 9:40 AM SC **SrA Kohl John Paul Reed** by Parents & Grandparents 10:00 AM SC Living & Deceased Priests - Diocese of Allentown 12:30 PM SC

"The clergy and religious of the Diocese of Allentown continue to stand ready to provide steadfast support and prayers during this difficult time," said Bishop Schlert. "Just as St. Joseph protected the Holy Family, we turn to St. Joseph to protect us at this time of uncertainty and pandemic." We invite all the faithful who are quarantined during this time and unable to receive Holy Communion, to offer their prayers for healing throughout the world. Pray the Holy Rosary, on www.EWTN.com/tv/shows/sunday-Mass-live. Pray this prayer for spiritual communion and set aside time for prayer with the Sacred Scriptures of the day – go to www.wordamongus.org.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

Prayer to Your Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear, To whom God's love Commits me here, Ever this day, be at my side, To light and guard, Rule and guide.

Prayer for Our Country

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of America, please help our country. Help us to return to what is decent, right and proper. Help us to return to respect for ourselves and others, into truth in dealing with ourselves and others, to self-control and self-discipline and, especially, to a deep love for your Son and his teachings. Protect us from those who would destroy us from within. Our Lady, we place ourselves and our country under your mantel. Pray for us and help us. Amen.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

When: Every 1st Sunday of the

month

Time: 3:00 PM

Where: St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish,

Mahanoy City

Divine Mercy Collections

Will be announced at a later date!



Thursday, October 12th at 4:30 PM at St. Theresa of Calcutta, Mahanoy City.



Divine Mercy Memorial Fund

Happy birthday in Heaven to my

Mother, Regina Straka (August 25th)

\$10 Paul Straka

Happy birthday in Heaven to Virginia "Ginny" Bell (August 25th)

\$10 Paul Straka

In loving memory of Diane Kalyan

\$20 Husband, Ron & family

Raymond Boxter

\$25 Joe & Corinne Crea & family

Good health & God's blessings for Fran Domkus

\$5 Buchinsky family

Good health & God's blessings for

Kathy Boris

\$5 Buchinsky family

Good health & God's blessings for

Mary Ann Pronio

\$5 Madeline Buchinsky

Special intentions \$5 Anonymous

Father Walter Ciszek Chapel Memorial Fund

Charlotte Kowalski

\$20 Janice & Jeff Bradbury \$10 Gene & Mary Jo Jacavage



Due to office staff vacations, the office will be open on the following days & times the week of August 21st:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 to 10:30 AM

Wednesday - 9:30 AM -11:30 AM

Please note: if there is a funeral during these days & times listed, the office will be closed that day.



Fr. Dene August 25th

When you see Father, please wish him a happy birthday.

Devotional Candles **Divine Mercy**

Sanctuary In memory of my beloved Parents & Sister, Angelo & Enrica &

Jean Romano by Ann Romano

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In loving memory of Lucille & Donald by Wife & Mother
In loving memory of Regina Straka on her birthday by Gina & Jim

Blessed Mother In memory of Albert Jr., Albert Sr., Anna, Joseph, George &

Regina Discavage by Irene

Blessed Mother Good health & God's blessings for Joni Wallace by Paul Straka Blessed Mother Good health & God's blessings for Theresa Paruch by Paul Straka

St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family

OLMC In loving memory of Ed & Rose (Effie) Shafransky by Ed, Cindi

& Ed Jr.

OLMC In loving memory of my Mom, Virginia Bell on her birthday by

Gina & Jim

St .Joseph In loving memory of Joseph Bellucci Sr. by Laudeman family St. Joseph In memory of Connell & Karvois families by Marilyn Connell

St. Casimir

Sanctuary In loving memory of my Dad, George Rittle by Daughter, Maria

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Blessed Mother

In loving memory of Frank Macus by Fran & Maria
Special intentions by Louis & Donna Kowalski
In loving memory of John McGuire by Wife, Peg
In loving memory of Joe & Joestelle by Wife/Mother

Blessed Mother Special intention by Karen & Leo

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



The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, September 1st and Monday, September 4th for Labor Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, September 5th at 8:30 AM

2023 Summer Food Sale Profit

\$19,761.84

Again, a special thank you to everyone who worked so hard in setting up for our food sale, to those who worked and to everyone who supported our parish by attending the food sale. Again, it was a great success! Your support and generosity is very much appreciated.



Divine Mercy Parish – Fall Food Sale Strictly Take Out Only Divine Mercy Church Parking Lot, West Cherry St.

Friday, September 22nd – Noon to 6:00 PM Saturday, September 23rd – Noon to 6:00 PM Sunday, September 24th – Noon to 6:00 PM or until sellout



Our Menu will consist of: Bleenies, Haluskie, Hamburgers, Homemade Pierogies, Meatball Hoagies, and Pasta Fagioli Soup

Raffle tickets will be mailed in the next coming weeks! Rip Offs & 50/50 will be available at the Fall Food Sale



Happiness As a loving Father, God intends for us to be happy. True happiness is: "Joy and beatitude over receiving the fulfillment of our vocation as creatures: a sharing in the divine nature and the vision of God. God put us into the world to know, love, and serve him, and so come to the happiness of paradise.

Blessing of Animals will take place in St. Casimir Church parking lot on Sunday, October 1st at 11:15 AM.





Rosary on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima will be held on Wednesday, September 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.

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.

Bulletin News... our bulletin is sent out on a Monday by noon. If you would like a candle or memorial or any type of information placed in the bulletin, our office needs the information by 11:00 AM on a Monday.

The bulletin company prints the bulletin as soon as it is sent to them.

Assumption BVM News

- Volunteers needed! We are looking for dedicated parishioners, parents, grandparents, family and friends to help make our educational program one of the best in the Diocese of Allentown. Please contact Mrs. Schoepflin at eschoepflin@assumptionbvmschool.net for details and required clearances.
- Assumption BVM school has openings for the 2023-2024 school year. Please call to inquire which grades still have openings. The school office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during the summer from 9:00 AM to noon. 622-0106
- Give the gift of a Catholic education! Complete or partial sponsorship of a student can make the difference for a child being able to attend Assumption BVM where their faith, social, behavioral, and academic needs can be met. Please consider making a donation of any amount to be put towards academic sponsorship, partial tuition sponsorship of \$1662.50, or full tuition sponsorship of \$3325. Send donations to Mrs. Erin Schoepflin, Principal, Assumption BVM Catholic School, 112 South 7th Street, Pottsville, PA. 17901. Donations may also be made on our website, www.assumptionbvmschool.net under the "Support Us" tab. Please scroll to the bottom and click on Tuition Angel Donations. Thank you for considering Assumption BVM for your charitable giving!



Did You Change Your Address Lately? The parish office would like to ask our parishioners, if they have a change in their address, to please notify the parish office as soon as possible. Every time we send mail out and the address in incorrect, the parish must pay for this piece of mail. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.





2024 Mass Book for Divine Mercy Parish will open on Tuesday, October 17th. The Diocesan Mass Stipend is set at \$ 10.00. When requesting a Mass for 2024, the stipend must be paid before it can be written in the Mass Book. Each parishioner will be allowed one weekday Mass and one weekend Mass. Please note: For every Mass for 2024 we will be asking for a contact name, address and phone number. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter! Remember, the Mass Book fills up quickly! Candles will also be taken for 2024 at this time. If you would like to have a candle lit on a special day in any of the parishes, it is important that you notify us as soon as possible. The dates fill quickly.

Begin to Change

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin." Saint Teresa of Calcutta

St. Clare of Assisi & Holy Cross Parishes are sponsoring a bus trip to the Seton Shrine in Emmittsburg, MD for the Back from the Dead Tour on Friday October 20th.

The Back from the Dead Tour is a walk through the grounds of the Seton Shrine where participants will experience the Saints come back to life for one evening. Cost which includes the ticket is \$35.00 per person. Bring your own brown bag dinner. Call St. Clare of Assisi Rectory to reserve a seat and for more details call 429-0370.

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, diles 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.Ch erry 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@allentown diocese.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

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.

Allentown's Youth Protection Programs,

All Souls Day Envelopes please list the names of all those you would like remembered on the back of your envelope. The names listed will be remembered during the month of November at all Masses.



St. Joseph Center for Special Learning invites you to join us for our OPEN HOUSE! All are invited to come! Preview our new school! Saturday, August 26th (4:00 PM – 6:00 PM) and Sunday, August 27th (9:30 AM – 12:00 PM). Tours available, fun activities for the family, raffles, and light refreshments will be served.

Follow the Rosary to Treasure

The Rosary is like an ancient treasure map. It has led countless faithful to the treasures of peace, joy, clarity, and contentment. If you follow where it leads, you'll find that a devotion to praying the Rosary can transform your life.

Shelter in a chaotic world. Leading hectic lives can fog the mind, unsettle the soul, and turn us away from God. Yet, our souls are made for peace. Praying the Rosary settles our thoughts. It puts us at ease, creating a peace that is otherworldly.

Perspective. Humans are constantly changing, thus our relationship with God changes. The Rosary provides the context, the format, and the process for God to speak to us about all these things.

Mary's blessing. Nobody sees the life of a child the way that child's mother does. Our Lady has a mother's perspective of Jesus' life. Learning and sharing that perspective helps us ponder the life of Jesus through the eyes of his Mother. This is a powerful experience if we enter into it fully.

What is the "Communion of Saints"?

The Church is a much larger family than we may realize. The "Communion of Saints" includes all the saints in heaven and those still journeying to heaven. This includes those baptized faithful on Earth and the souls in Purgatory. The Communion of Saints is the Church as the Body of Christ. "[As] all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ" (1 Corinthians 12:12). This means we can help each other by offering intercessory prayers and sacrifices. The saints in Heaven pray for us on Earth. We pray for the souls in Purgatory, who pray for us (CCC, #947). God is perfectly able to help us by himself, yet he generously involves us—including the saints—in carrying out his plans. The Communion of Saints is not a "club for the holy elites." It is actually the biggest, fastest, most effective support network in the universe. No matter where we are, there are people praying for us, encouraging us, and caring for us.

"I don't care to inquire why they cannot believe an earthly body can be in heaven, while the whole earth is suspended on nothing." St. Augustine, *City of God*



Attention all Safe Environment Coordinators!

Mandated reporter trainings and Protecting God's Children Workshops will now be available virtually. If you are interested, please contact Pam Russo Secretary, Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services

P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538 610-871-5200 ext. 2204

prusso@allentowndiocese.org

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

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WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 26TH & 27TH - ALL MASSES AT ST. CASIMIR

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM	Brophy, Marty	Elchisak, Michele	None
7:30 AM	Daynorowicz, Nolan	Selvocki, Joseph	Daynorowicz, Nolan
10:00 AM	Grochowski, Anne	Engle, Lillian	Rakus, Evan

Divine Mercy Parish

Registration for Parish Religious Education Program – PREP

If you have not registered for the 2023-2024 Religion Classes,

Two more times are available:

Monday, August 21st from 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Tuesday, August 22nd from 6:00 - 8:00 PM

If these times do not work for you please call Sister Mary for an appointment, 484-888-1358.

Classes begin on **Thursday, September 7, 2023**, at 6:00 PM and finish at 7:30 PM.

Parents are to attend the class with their child(ren) on September 7th.

There will be no registration on the opening night, September 7th.

Thank you for your cooperation.

We are looking forward to assisting you, the parents, by working with you to educate your child in the Catholic faith. May God bless the work of our minds, hearts, and hands.

God bless you and your family,

Sister Mary Glackin and the Catechists.

Parroquia de la Divina Misericordia

Inscripción al Programa de Educación Religiosa Parroquial – PREP Si no se ha registrado para las clases de religión 2023-2024,

Hay dos horarios más disponibles:

lunes, 21 de agosto de 2023 6:00 - 8:00 PM.

martes, 22 de agosto de 2023 6:00 - 8:00 PM.

Si estos tiempos no funcionan para usted por favor llame para una cita, 484-888-1358.

Las clases comienzan el **jueves, 7 de septiembre de 2023**, a las 6:00 y finaliza a las 7:30

Padres deben asistir a la clase con su(s) hijo(s) el 7 de septiembre.

No hay registracion en la noche de apertura,**7 de septiembre**. Gracias por su cooperación.

Esperamos poder ayudarlos a ustedes, los padres, trabajando con ustedes para educar a su hijo en la fe católica. Que Dios bendiga el trabajo de nuestras mentes, corazones y manos.

Dios te bendiga a ti y a tu familia,

Sister Mary Glackin y los categuistas.

There will be no Prayer Group & Bible Group in September.

Next Prayer Group: Thursday, October 5th at 6:30 PM at the Father Ciszek Center.

Next Bible Group: Thursday, October 12th at 6:30 PM at the Father Ciszek

Center.

There will be no Franciscan Group in August!

Next Franciscan Group: Thursday, September 21st at 6:30 PM at the Father Ciszek Center.

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

Do You Love God or Fear God More? Is your relationship with God dominated by guilt and fear, or by love? Do you worry how he thinks of you and dread praying to him? Yet Jesus taught us to always meet God joyfully in prayer and worship and to be confident of his love. Don't fear God in the wrong way. It is healthy to be in awe of God as our creator and creator of the universe. But we should never be afraid of God becoming angry every time we make a mistake or punishing us every time we fail. "But you, our God, are good and true, slow to anger, and governing all with mercy" (Wisdom 15:1). God appreciates honest effort.

Let God help you change. Most of us have areas in our lives that need improvement. If we ask, God will change them. It isn't always pleasant but even transforming change is possible when we allow God to work in our lives.

Don't carry guilt. The problem with

Don't carry guilt. The problem with guilt is that it can keep us from God. Instead, use it to take responsibility for sins, make amends, and start fresh – then let the guilt go. Catholics are blessed to have access to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Use it often so you can meet God joyfully in love and peace which is what he prefers.

God Doesn't Joke

The residents of Sodom and Gomorrah were so sinful that the Lord decided to destroy the cities. He sent angels to lead Abraham's nephew, Lot, and his family to safety but the daughters' fiancées wouldn't follow and were destroyed because they thought Lot was joking about the wrath of God.

Even today, people think it's okay to joke about God and sin. Catholics know that God's wrath is fearful and sin is no joke at all.



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	Finar	icial Report June	
Net June Income	\$ 32,219.60	Expenses \$	54,788.26
		Insurance \$	7,422.00
		Assessments \$	4,023.00
Total Incon	me \$ 32,219.60	Total Expenses \$	66,233.26
Expenses over incon	ne \$ 34,013.66	This shows a loss of \$	34,013.66

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 Ciszek 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.

School office hours 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.







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

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

Discover God's Plan of Love For You

A vocation is a call from God to love him throughout your life. Whether you are called to be married, a priest or deacon, a religious brother or sister, or committed to staying single, your vocation will bring you the most joy you can experience on Earth. It will help you and others to grow closer to God. Here are some ways you can better discern God's plan for you.

Personally meet him.

The Church's sacraments are opportunities to meet God personally and receive his grace. We can meet him often in the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Sacred Scripture is another opportunity for personal encounter. The more we open ourselves up to Our Lord, the more easily we can discern his voice.

Follow in another's footsteps

Find role models in the different vocations. See if you can picture yourself doing what he or she does each day. Ask for details of their vocation stories to see how God chose them. That will give you clues to how you are being called.

Keep in touch.

Keeping a prayer journal is a good way to spot patterns that may show God is working in your life. Pick a prayer buddy and pray for each others' vocations. Spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament when you can.