



# Divine Mercy Parish

## Mass Schedule for the Week of August 27, 2023

### *Monday, August 28, 2023*

**6:45 AM** SC **Barbara Byrne Kehler** by William & Dolores Byrne  
**2-4:00 PM** Chapel **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**6 – 6:30 PM** **Confessions at St. Casimir**

### *Tuesday, August 29, 2023*

**6:45 AM** SC **Nelly Dudayle Scudellari** by Sr. Helene

### *Wednesday, August 30, 2023*

**6:45 AM** SC **Gilliam & Krowl Families** by Mike & Terry Gilliam  
**5:30-7 PM** Chapel **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

### *Thursday, August 31, 2023*

**6:45 AM** SC **Prybolsky & Schlauch Families** by Mike & Terry Gilliam

### *Friday, September 1, 2023*

**6:45 AM** SC **Edward, Stephanie & Jen Kurlowicz** by Niece, Anna Marie  
**2-4:00 PM** Chapel **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

### *Saturday, September 2, 2023*

**8:00 AM** SC **M/M Edward Munley** by Family

**3:45 PM** SC **Divine Mercy Chaplet**  
**4:00 PM** SC **Michael & Mary Drumblusky** by Family

### *Sunday, September 3, 2023*

**7:30 AM** SC **Stephen Mundy – Anniversary of Death 9/7** by Family  
**9:40 AM** SC **Divine Mercy Chaplet**  
**10:00 AM** SC **Ted Twardzik** by Tom & Pam Twardzik & Sons  
**12:30 PM** SC **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**

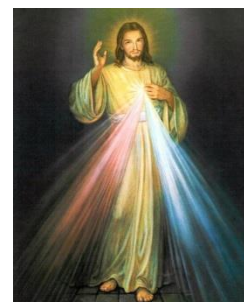
When: Every 1st Sunday of the month  
Time: 3:00 PM  
Where: St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Mahanoy City

### **Divine Mercy Collections**

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**  
**In loving memory of Diane Kalyan**  
 \$20 Husband, Ron & family  
**Special intentions**  
 \$5 Anonymous



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

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

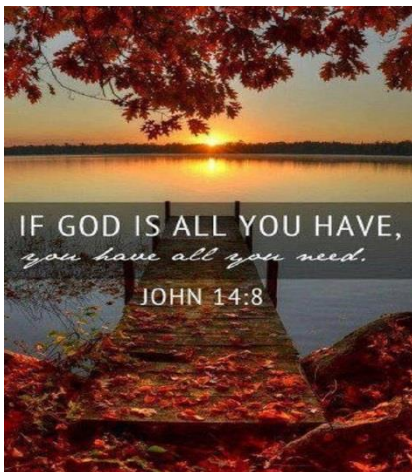
Next Bible Group: **Thursday, October 12th at 6:30 PM at the Father Ciszek Center.**

**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.

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



*Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
 pray for us  
 who have recourse to Thee.*

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  
 Divine Mercy In memory of Willian Discavage on his birthday by Family  
 Blessed Mother In memory of Albert Jr., Albert Sr., Anna, Joseph, George & Regina Discavage by Irene  
 Blessed Mother In memory of Joey Cugusi Jr. on his birthday 8/28 by Parents, Brother & Aunt  
 St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & 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  
 Czestochowa In loving memory of SrA Kohl John Paul Reed on his birthday by Mom, Dad, Brye, Kylie, Kendall, Grammy & Poppy Joe  
 Divine Mercy In loving memory of Frank Macus by Fran & Maria  
 Divine Mercy In memory of my Mother, Margaret Agresto by Daughter, Peggy  
 Divine Mercy In loving memory of SrA Kohl John Paul Reed on his birthday by Mom, Dad, Brye, Kylie, Kendall, Grammy & Poppy Joe  
 Divine Mercy Special intentions by Louis & Donna Kowalski  
 Divine Mercy In loving memory of John McGuire by Wife, Peg  
 Blessed Mother In loving memory of Joe & Joestelle by Wife/Mother  
 Blessed Mother In memory of Helen Rittle by Daughter, Lisa Rittle  
 Blessed Mother In loving memory of Joey Cugusi Jr. on his birthday 8/28 by Parents, Brother & Aunt

**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



**From Father Dene**  
 I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, candles and cards which were received for my birthday. I will continue to keep the parishioners of Divine Mercy Parish in my daily prayers.



**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 soon.  
 Rip Offs & 50/50 will be available at the Fall Food Sale

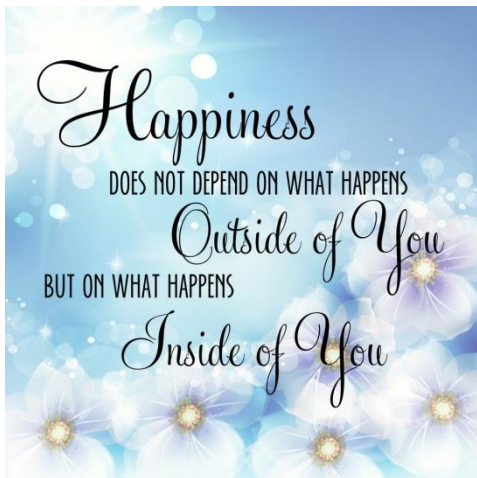
**Rosary on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima**

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](mailto: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](http://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 is 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.



**Why do Catholics Pray to Saints?**

Prayer is raising our hearts and minds to God, so we actually don't pray to saints. However, we know that saints are people who lived lives of extraordinary virtue on Earth and are rewarded by being in Heaven with God. So we ask for their intercession when we need it or for their help to get to Heaven, too. Recently, Timothy Cardinal Dolan put it this way, "In prayer, we always go to Jesus. Sometimes we bring friends with us."

**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, 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.

**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.



**Don't Forget About Our WEBSITE!**



Divine Mercy Parish now has a website: [www.dmparish.com](http://www.dmparish.com). It consists of the weekly bulletin, upcoming events, Lector, Eucharistic Minister & Altarserver Schedules, Parish Fundraisers, Chapel hours and much more. Why not go on to your computer and take a look at it. Again, it is [www.dmparish.com](http://www.dmparish.com)

*“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed” (Luke 1:46-48).*

#### We Never Lose God's Love

Have you ever had someone end a relationship with you because of a mistake you made or something you did wrong? It's a terrible feeling to lose someone's love. Fortunately, God's love doesn't depend on how good we are. Remember the parable Jesus told of the prodigal son (Luke 15)? No matter what the son's transgressions, the father received him in complete love. That's how God feels about us. Think of God's love as the light from the sun – it's so bright we can't comprehend it. Sometimes we close our eyes or pull the curtains to keep the light from coming in. It is still there, but we can't experience it because we have shut it out. Sin shuts our hearts to God's love. To help, Jesus created the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Receiving absolution and being assured of God's forgiveness opens our shuttered hearts so we can feel God's love again. So whether or not we feel loved by God is up to us. All we have to do is ask.

#### 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.

**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](mailto: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](http://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 SEPTEMBER 2ND & 3RD – ALL MASSES AT ST. CASIMIR**

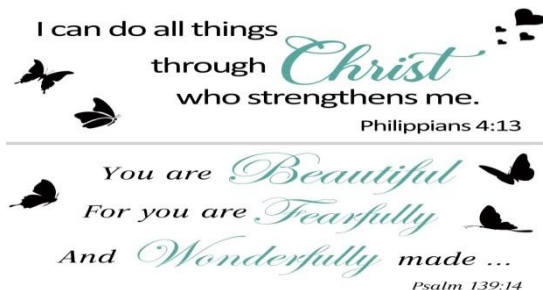
Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM	Lombard, Gina	McGauley, Delmy	None
7:30 AM	Oravitz Fell, Marguerite	Selvocki, Joseph	Snitzer, Isabelle
10:00 AM	Taylor, Anne	Sadusky, Joseph	Estrada, Jose

**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 catequistas.



**Love in Action**

When we see others suffering, we might think, "The Church should do something." Yet as members of the Church, it's our job to take action and share Christ's love. We can be a listening ear, a helping hand, or an encouraging voice to someone in need. Whatever it is, the Church can always "do something."

"Faith does not remove us from the world, but draws us more deeply into it."  
Pope Francis

From St. Therese of Liseux "Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing." (*Story of a Soul*)

**What Does it Mean to Create Scandal**

The Fifth Commandment forbids murder and instructs us to work to protect and preserve life. But also included in this commandment is the necessity to protect the others' souls, as well. Leading others to believe that evil or sinful behavior is acceptable and not morally wrong is to cause scandal and could lead to the death of their souls. While this charge applies to all of us, those who will be held especially responsible are people in positions of trust - parents, employers, public officials, teachers, church officials, etc. Scandal can be created through words and persuasion but also through bad example and behavior. Someone who acts in a sinful way and convinces others that his behavior is not sinful or evil is guilty of creating scandal. Governments and institutions can cause scandal by creating laws or policies that legitimize sinful actions and requiring citizens to obey them. For example, at one time in the United States, slavery – a great moral wrong – was legal and protected by law.



**Financial Report -- June**

Net June Income	\$ 32,219.60	Expenses	\$ 54,788.26
		Insurance	\$ 7,422.00
		Assessments	\$ 4,023.00
Total Income	\$ 32,219.60	Total Expenses	\$ 66,233.26
Expenses over income	\$ 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. If 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.**

**Follow the Way of Love**

As Christians, our experience of Lent and Easter gives us an idea of the incredible love Jesus has for us. He wants us to live in love and share it with others. You follow the way of love when you ...

**Believe in God and that God cares about you.** It is God to whom you turn in times of trouble. It is God to whom you give thanks when all goes well.

**Acknowledge human dignity.** Each person has been crafted in the image and likeness of God and, as a result, has an inherent dignity that must be respected.

**Move in love.** Live and act in accord with Gospel values and set an example of Christian living.

**Pray with others.** As a community, you thank God for his blessings, reach for strength, asking for guidance.

**Serve others.** You often sacrifice your own wants and desires for the best interests of others.

**Forgive easily and seek reconciliation.** You promote peace and forgiveness in the relationships of others around you.

