



# Divine Mercy Parish

## Mass Schedule for the Week of September 24, 2023

### *Monday, September 25, 2023*

6:45 AM SC **Sister Marlene Ruth** by Sister Helene  
2-4:00 PM Chapel **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
6 – 6:30 PM **Confessions at St. Casimir**

### *Tuesday, September 26, 2023*

6:45 AM SC **Raymond Bulvin, Mae Brennan & Francis Holden** by Chris & Joann Twardzik

### *Wednesday, September 27, 2023*

6:45 AM SC **Pat Dowd** by Sister Helene  
5:30-7 PM Chapel **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

### *Thursday, September 28, 2023*

6:45 AM SC **Tony McGroarty** by Sister Helene

### *Friday, September 29, 2023*

6:45 AM SC **Thomas, Olga & Michael Piaskowski** by John & Kathy Sienkiewicz

### *Saturday, September 30, 2023*

8:00 AM SC **John Raymond Mesch** by Faculty of Pre K

3:45 PM SC **Divine Mercy Chaplet**  
4:00 PM SC **Katherine Breznik** by Victoria Nestor & Family

### *Sunday, October 1, 2023*

7:30 AM SC **Stanley Gawrylik** by Niece, Cathy & Family  
9:40 AM SC **Divine Mercy Chaplet**  
10:00 AM SC **Michalik, Mentel, Zelonis & Shirvinski Families** by Michael & Marie Michalik  
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**

9/17- \$ 3,435.00



**Please Note: Change of Location**  
**Thursday, October 12th at 4:30 PM at St. Casimir, Shenandoah, PA.**



**Divine Mercy Memorial Fund**  
**Kathryn Boris**  
 \$10 Mary Lou Popalis  
**Stanton Kreutzer**  
 \$20 Mary Lou Popalis & family  
**God's blessings & a speedy recovery for Julie Buchinsky**  
 \$5 Diane Pavlosky  
**Charlotte Kowalski**  
 \$10 Irene Discavage  
**Alverna Havrilko**  
 \$10 Peter Ulicny  
**Special intentions**  
 \$5 Anonymous  
**Father Walter Ciszek Chapel Memorial Fund**  
**Kathryn Boris**  
 \$5 Theresa Tunilla



Msgr. Bocian will be celebrating his birthday on Friday, October 6th. So, when you see Msgr.,

don't forget to wish him a Happy Birthday. We wish Msgr. many more years at our parish and that God will bless him with good health.

**Divine Mercy Fall Food Sale Donations**

\$300 Ronald Havrilko  
 \$100 Henry Jachimczyk  
 \$100 Leo & Pat Treshock  
 \$100 Tom & Pam Twardzik  
 \$80 Debra Blaschak  
 \$50 M/M Robert Bozylinski  
 \$50 Albert Majewski  
 \$50 Gaynell Mack  
 \$50 Rosemarie Jurewicz  
 \$50 Joseph & Sharon Sadusky  
 \$50 Anonymous  
 \$50 Louis & Donna Kowalski  
 \$40 Peter Ulicny  
 \$30 M/M Gino Monahan  
 \$30 George & Jessica McKay  
 \$30 Ed & Kay Zuber  
 \$30 Virginia Stanzola  
 \$25 Brian Bozylinski  
 \$25 Georgine Sinkus  
 \$25 Edward & Kerri Michalik  
 \$20 Peggy McGuire  
 \$20 Robert Sadowski  
 \$20 Mary Ann Chernesky  
 \$20 Antoinette Pancerella  
 \$20 John & Charlotte Thomas  
 \$20 Joanne Koles  
 \$20 Raymond Filozof  
 \$20 Susan Supreme  
 \$20 Margaret McAndrew  
 \$20 Elizabeth Subrine

**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 Prayers & good health for J.M., S.M., M.S., A.M., T.S. R.G., J.B., L.B., G.M., Z.S. by M/M John Maskornick  
 Blessed Mother In memory of Albert Jr., Albert Sr., Anna, Joseph, George & Regina Discavage by Irene  
 Blessed Mother God's blessings & prayers for Irene Shuckavage by Niece, Nikki  
 St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & Family  
 St. Joseph In memory of Connell & Karvois families by Marilyn Connell  
 OLMC Special intentions for John Kelly family  
 OLMC Special intentions by Ann Marnell Lehman  
 Sacred Heart Special intentions by Mary Kufro

**St. Casimir**  
 Sanctuary In loving memory of my Dad, George Rittle by Daughter, Maria  
 Czestochowa In memory of our Dad, John F. Baginski by Baginski family  
 Czestochowa For special intentions by Michael & Marie Michalik  
 Divine Mercy In loving memory of Frank Macus by Fran & Maria  
 Divine Mercy In memory of John & Helen Pukavige by children  
 Divine Mercy In thanksgiving for prayers answered by Karen & Larry Chesla  
 Divine Mercy In memory of Charles "Chuck" Urbanavage by M/M John M. Thomas  
 Divine Mercy Special intentions for Christopher & Marc  
 Divine Mercy Happy heavenly birthday to Jack Malinoski 9/21 by Wife, Rosanne, children & grandchildren  
 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 loving memory of Bill & Marie Breslosky by Ed, Cindi & Ed Jr. Shafransky  
 Blessed Mother Special intentions, in thanksgiving & good health for Msgr. Bocian, Fr. Dene, Stephen Bocian, Brian Rooney, George Huss, Estelle McLaren & Joann Pribish  
 Blessed Mother Special intentions  
 St. Anthony Missing my Parents, Anthony & Helene Seroka by Daughter, Janet Lukashunas  
 St. Anthony Special intentions for Christopher & Marc  
 Sacred Heart Special intentions for Christopher, Hope, Marc, Benjamin & Morgan  
 Altar In memory of Stephen Bocian Sr. & Lester Warrington  
 Altar In memory of Dorothea Lord Bocian & Doris Warrington  
 Altar In loving memory of my Dad, George Rittle by Wife, Jo Marie & Daughter, Maria  
 Altar Special intentions

**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



- \$20 Paul & Karen Gavala
- \$20 Maria Rittle
- \$20 Jo Marie Rittle
- \$10 Gloria Norcavage
- \$10 Leo & Karen Kayes
- \$10 Joann Pribish
- \$5 M/M Charles Smulligan
- \$5 Dolores Hay

**Thank you for all your help & support of the parish!**

**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 Friday, October 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.



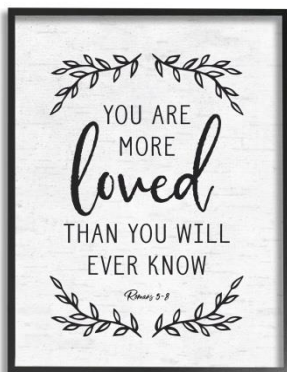
**There will be no Prayer Group & Bible Group in September.**

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.**

Next Franciscan Group: **Thursday, October 19th at 6:30 PM at the Father Ciszek Center.**

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



**Annual Father Ciszek Mass**

The annual Father Walter Ciszek Day will be held on Sunday, October 15th. It is a day to celebrate Father Ciszek's extraordinary faith in God and commitment to his priestly vows and vocation. The Mass will be at St. Casimir Church, 229 North Jardin Street, Shenandoah, PA at 2:00 PM. **Rev. Phillip R. Hurley, S.J., University Chaplain at Loyola University Maryland Jesuit Community (Ignatius House), Baltimore, MD** will be the homilist. Light refreshments will be available in the church hall after Mass. Also, related items concerning Fr. Walter will be available for purchase. The new Prayer League Center at 218 West Cherry Street, Shenandoah will be opened from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM. **Mother Lucille Cutrone will share her Father Walter stories and answer questions. Father Ciszek's Books, Prayer Cards, Brochures and other items will be available to purchase at the Center and Church Hall.**



**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.



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

**Sunday, September 24th – Noon to 6:00 PM or until sellout**

**Our Menu will consist of:**

**Bleenies, Haluskie, Hamburgers, Homemade Pierogies, Meatball Hoagie, and Pasta Fagioli Soup**



Rips Offs & 50/50 will be available at the Fall Food Sale

**October, the Month of the Holy Rosary**

Is a good time to consider the rosary and it's place in your family. Can you find time to say a decade or more of the rosary together for the intentions of your family and for the intentions of the world? From May to October 1917, Mary appeared monthly to three children in Fatima, Portugal. She told them to pray the rosary for peace in the world. Evil in our world can only be overcome by prayer. Consider joining with people throughout the world in praying for peace.



**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)

**Parish Dues for 2024 for Divine Mercy Parish** are now payable for any registered parishioner 21 years of age and older at the parish office, 108 West Cherry St. If dues are paid by January 31, 2024, dues are \$ 50.00 per individual. If paid after January 31, 2024, dues are \$ 60.00 per individual.

**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.

#### Nativity Happenings

The 2022 Green Wave Volleyball team was recognized for earning the 2022-2023 U.S. Marine Corps/American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Team Academic Award for the 3<sup>rd</sup> straight year. This award honors volleyball teams throughout the nation that maintain a year-long GPA of 3.3 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Liturgy to open Spirit Week will be held on Tuesday, October 10th and will also include Student Government Induction. Retreats have been scheduled with the first opportunity on September 28th (Junior Retreat) at St. Charles Seminary. The March for Life on October 16th will provide the second opportunity and the Freshmen retreat will be held on Thursday, October 26th. Other retreat dates are set for second semester.

Homecoming 2023:

With a change in venue for our home football games for the 2023 season, our yearly Homecoming Tailgate is on hold this year. However, our Homecoming 50/50 is a huge fundraiser for the school and a favorite of our alumni, therefore, we will continue with this yearly tradition!

Details for the Homecoming Game:

Friday, October 13th vs. Shenandoah Valley

Site: North Schuylkill Stadium (new location of all Green Wave Home Football Games), Ashland, PA

Kickoff: 7:00 PM

Drawing to be held at half-time of football game

Contact Nativity High School at 622-8110 for tickets or more information

**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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**WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 30TH & OCTOBER 1ST– ALL MASSES AT ST. CASIMIR**

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM	Elchisak, Michelle	Brophy, Marty	None
7:30 AM	Selvocki, Joseph	Bronk, Cathy	Snitzer, Isabelle
10:00 AM	Nowak, Cynthia	Twardzik, Pam	Rakus, Evan

Upcoming Events

**Homemade Shoo Fly Pie & Pie Crusts Sale** sponsored by St. Mary’s Church Choir, Ringtown. Pickup at St. Mary’s Church Rectory, Ringtown on Tuesday, October 3rd from 10:00 AM to Noon – deadline to order: Wednesday, September 27th. Prices: Wet Bottom Pie \$9.00 and Crust \$3.00. Call the parish office 889-3850 and leave a message with name, phone number and your order or call Marie at 889-3825 or see any choir member.

**St. Teresa of Calcutta Fall Basket Raffle** - 600 West Mahanoy Street, Mahanoy City will be held on Sunday, October 8th - Raffle at 2:00 PM. Shop & Drops - October 5th, 6th and 7th from - 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Food for sale each night of shop and drop, and the day of the drawing. Hundreds of Dollars in Prizes!! Plus Cash and Lottery Prizes!

**Important Notice**


The annual Priests’ Convocation will be held this year from Tuesday, October 17th, Wednesday, October 18th, Thursday, October 19th and Friday, October 20th. Instead of two sessions as in the past, there will be only one general session this year. As a result, all priests will be attending the Convocation at this time. However, there will be NO Mass from Wednesday, October 18th through Friday, October 20th. And there will be NO funerals scheduled from October 18th through October 20th. All Funeral Masses will be scheduled beginning on Monday, October 23rd. They will be scheduled as they come in and more than likely two each day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Burials will be able to take place as long as no priest is needed for prayers at the cemetery.

**Anointing of the sick** will be done if a priest can be found to do it.

Both nursing homes have been notified.

**August Lotto Winners**

Louise Gervalis	8/6	#514	\$50.00	Day
F. Kayes	8/8	#619	\$50.00	Day
Fran & Ed Domkus	8/13	#635	\$50.00	Eve
Ron Sadusky	8/16	#662	\$50.00	Day
Ann Gottstine	8/21	#482	\$25.00	Day
Jessica Perrong	8/24	#562	\$25.00	Eve
Alyssa Vevasis	8/28	#629	\$25.00	Eve
Lucille Babinchak	8/29	#600	\$25.00	Eve

*Faith* It does not  
 make things easy  
 It makes them Possible  
 - Luke 1:37

**Our Father Knows Best**

After months of unemployment, Mike was glad to find a job but disappointed that it paid considerably less and had poorer benefits than the old one. Jen and her husband prayed for a beautiful house in their favorite neighborhood but the financing fell through and they ended up with a smaller house on the other side of town. What happened to the power of prayer?

**Understand that our way isn't God's way.** God always listens to our prayers but he doesn't necessarily answer the way we expect. Yet we know no one is more qualified to lead us than the Creator of the universe. We must trust him with all our concerns.

**Don't set your heart on an outcome.** Asking God to double your income may not be reasonable. Instead put your worries in his hands. Know that your Father has your best interest in mind and will find what is right for you.

**Be open to alternatives.** Sometimes taking a different job or buying a less expensive home is the better choice. You may net more personal time and less overall stress.

**Let scripture speak to you.** *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence rely not; In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths"* (Proverbs 3:5-6).

**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."



**Financial Report -- July**

Net July Income	\$ 30,809.88	Expenses	\$ 32,137.64
		Insurance	\$ 7,422.00
		Assessments	\$ 4,023.00
Total Income	\$ 30,809.88	Total Expenses	\$ 43,582.64
Expenses over income	\$ 12,772.76	This shows a loss of	\$ 12,772.76

**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.

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.

**Assumption BVM Catholic School News**

School began on Monday, August 28th with opening prayer in the school yard, followed by a special Backpack Blessing. Our staff and students are so excited for all the great happenings at Assumption BVM and the year ahead!

We would like to express our sincere thanks to our volunteers who have assisted in getting us ready for school! Your help is greatly appreciated! If you are looking to give of your time and talents, ABVM would like to talk to you! Please give us a call at 622-0106. **Fundraisers:** ABVM is selling Save Around coupon books in the month of September. Each book costs \$25 and contains coupons to local and national establishments. The school will earn 50% profit from each book sold. Please consider purchasing a book to help us out! ABVM will be holding a Gift Card Calendar Raffle for the month of October. This fundraiser will directly benefit the school and its students. The calendars are \$10.00 each and are good for all 31 drawings during the month. Calendars can be purchased from any ABVM family or from the school 622-0106, [eschoepflin@assumptionbvmschool.net](mailto:eschoepflin@assumptionbvmschool.net)). Purchase and money are due in the office by September 30th. Thank you for your help in making our Calendar Raffle a success! **Tours and Enrollment:** While enrollment continues to grow, we do have spaces available in some of our grades. It is not too late to make the switch to ABVM. Give us a call to find out what we can offer your children in their faith and educational formation! Tours are available daily at 3:00 PM by appointment.

**St. Francis of Assisi**

St. Francis was born in Assisi, Italy, in 1182 to a rich cloth merchant. He enjoyed good food, fine clothes, and a busy social life. All that changed when he fell seriously ill on his way to a battle. St. Francis took the Gospel message literally and devoted his life to living in poverty. Followers gathered around him, wanting to imitate his way of life, and in 1210, he received approval to found the Franciscan Order.