



Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of November 12, 2023

Monday, November 13, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Loving Memory of Albin Zancusky** by Daughter, Joan
2-4:00 PM Chapel **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
6 – 6:30 PM **Confessions at Divine Mercy**

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Gino Bruni** by Nicole, Gina & Grandchildren

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Albert Sterner** by Wife & Son
5:30-7 PM Chapel **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Thursday, November 16, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Georgette Moyer** by Family

Friday, November 17, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Bill Ward** by Sister Theresa
2-4:00 PM Chapel **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Saturday, November 18, 2023

8:00 AM DM **John McGuire** by Wife, Peggy

3:45 PM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
4:00 PM DM **Alberta & Joseph Zarcufsky** by Children & Grandchildren

Sunday, November 19, 2023

7:30 AM DM **Thomas Ward Jr.** by Divine Mercy Parishioners
9:40 AM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
10:00 AM DM **Joseph & Mary Gaborek** by Helene, Joanne & Family
12:30 PM DM **Living & Deceased Priests – Diocese of Allentown**
En Espanol

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

11/5- \$ 5,482.00

Thanksgiving Holiday Parish Office Hours

The office will be closed from noon on Wednesday, November 22nd, Thursday November 23rd, Friday November 24th and Monday, November 27th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, November 28th at 8:30 AM.

Patience Makes Sense

Don’t be tempted to compare yourself to others. God’s plan for each of us is unique. “Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over him who prospers in his way” (Psalm 37:7).

Divine Mercy Memorial Fund
In loving memory of Diane M. Kalyan
 \$10 Husband, Ron & family
Dr. Joseph Zienkiewicz
 \$10 Josephine & Maria Rittle
 \$10 Dolores Micko
 \$10 Ed & Fran Domkus
 \$10 Peter Ulicny
Walter Hall
 \$20 Buchinsky family
 \$10 Maria Rittle
 \$10 Peg McGuire
 \$10 Pat Ryan
 \$10 Debbie Abrachinsky
 \$5 Tricia Palubinsky
 \$5 Ken & Gloria Sands
Virginia Bokuniewicz
 \$10 Buchinsky family
 \$10 Diane Paruch
 \$5 Tricia Palubinsky
Irene Discavage
 \$20 Cousin, Barbara Hardy
 \$20 Gino & Justine Monahan
 \$10 Walukiewicz Oravitz Fell F. H.
 \$10 Fran & Maria Macus
Christine F. Brauns
 \$10 Walukiewicz Oravitz Fell F. H.
Mary Jo Zuber
 \$5 Maryann Szuler
Helen Sherman
 \$5 Maryann Szuler
For a special friend & Priest, Fr. Dene
 \$50 Sissy Lally & Rosaire Miller
For My Sister, Joann Hilbert on her 9th anniversary of death
 \$10 Sister, Pat & Leo & family
Good health & God's blessings for Julie Buchinsky
 \$5 Bonnie Heiler
Special intentions
 \$5 Anonymous
Father Walter Ciszek Chapel Memorial Fund
Walter Hall
 \$20 St. Cecelia's Choir
 \$20 Barbara Pukavige
 \$10 Carol Pukavage



For

Daily Mass ONLY!

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the daily Mass Schedule needs to be changed. The new mass schedule will begin on the first Monday of Advent, December 4th. Daily Masses will be at 7:30 AM Monday through Saturday.

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 loving memory of Regina Straka by Gina, Jim & family
Blessed Mother In memory of Albert Jr., Albert Sr., Anna, Joseph, George & Regina & Irene Discavage by family
Blessed Mother Good health & God's blessings for Mary Price by John & Marlene Rudisill
Blessed Mother In loving memory of Alberta Zarcufsky by Daughter, Nikki
Blessed Mother Good health & speedy recovery for Julie Buchinsky by Maria Rittle
Blessed Mother Complete recovery for Nellie Z. Clark by Gino & Justine Monahan
St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
OLMC In loving memory of our faithful departed, Eleanor Lombard, Sharon Misunas, Marie Tarkovich & Virginia Bell by Gina, Jim & family
OLMC Special intentions by Ann M. Lehman
OLMC Special intentions for John Kelly family
Sacred Heart In memory of Katlyn Krash by M/M John M. Thomas
Sacred Heart Special intentions by Mary Kufro
St. Joseph In loving memory of our dear "Pop" Buchinsky by family
St. Joseph In loving memory of Hank Faleski by Wife, Julie
St. Joseph For Diane Colosimo & family by Michele Day & 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 Prayers & good health for J.M., S.M., M.S., A.M., T.S. R.G., J.B., L.B., G.M., Z.S. by M/M John Maskornick
Divine Mercy In memory of John & Helen Pukavige by children
Divine Mercy Special intentions for Christopher, Hope, Marc, Benjamin & Morgan
Divine Mercy Special intentions by Louis & Donna Kowalski
Blessed Mother In loving memory of Joe & Joestelle by Wife/Mother
Blessed Mother In thanksgiving for prayers answered by Maria & Jo Marie Rittle
Blessed Mother In memory of John McGuire by Wife, Peg
Blessed Mother In loving memory of Private First Class Charles Christian by Pat & Gene Stremba
Blessed Mother Special intentions, in thanksgiving & good health for Msgr. Bocian, Stephen Bocian, Brian Rooney, Estelle McLaren, Joann Pribish, Julie Buchinsky & Scarlet Henry
Blessed Mother In memory of Arlene & Stanley Sadusky on their 70th wedding anniversary in heaven by Son, Joe & family
Blessed Mother Special intentions by Joan Madaffari
St. Ann In memory of Theodore, Catherine & Catherine Mary Guzinski by Barbara Guzinski
Sacred Heart Special intentions for Christopher & Marc
St. Anthony Special intentions for Christopher & Marc
Guadalupe The Cleotilde Morin, Paula Barrientos by Bamilia Barrientos

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

Chosen, Blessed & Shared

Please support the Retired & Infirm Priests of the Diocese of Allentown. The Diocese of Allentown is conducting an annual fund called, "Chosen, Blessed & Shared," to support the Endowment for the care of retired priests. All gifts received will be used to support the rising costs of retirement care for those priests in good standing who have faithfully served, and the many who, though retired continue to serve, in our Diocese. Please consider making a donation as part of your yearly giving. This is not to be confused with our yearly collection for the "National Appeal for Retired Religious" to be held December 8th and 9th.

An Advent Message Advent Day of Prayer

During the secular holiday season, we are bombarded with messages on TV, on the internet, in stores, in magazines and other sources that blare out the commercialism of the holidays. What a perfect time to escape from the cacophony, go to our quiet and beautiful chapel to pray, reflect and discover the true meaning of Christmas – the Birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Our Advent Day of Prayer will be held on Wednesday, December 6th with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration in the Chapel from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM.**

"Keep Christ in Christmas"

Why do Catholics Pray for the Dead?

The practice of praying for the dead is an Act of Mercy and has Scriptural roots: "Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin" (2 Maccabees 12:45-46). Someone who dies in God's friendship with sin on his soul must be purified before entering heaven. We can literally help souls get to heaven. Rest assured: if the person we've prayed for reaches heaven, the graces of those prayers are used to help other souls.



OPLATKI/CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Will be available beginning Saturday, December 2nd and Sunday, December 3rd before & after all the Masses at Divine Mercy or at the Parish Office, 108 West Cherry St. during office hours. **Donation for a 6 piece pack will be \$ 5.00.**



Christmas Memorial & Christmas Flower Memorial Envelopes are placed in your December envelopes. You may place your Christmas Memorial & Christmas Flower Memorial in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. The memorials will be published for Christmas. **The deadline will be Monday, December 11th.**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE FOR 2023

Christmas Eve Schedule

Sunday, December 24th 6:00 PM Divine Mercy
Sunday, December 24th 9:00 PM Divine Mercy

Christmas Day Schedule

Monday, December 25th 7:30 AM Divine Mercy
Monday, December 25th 10:00 AM Divine Mercy
Monday, December 25th 12:30 PM Divine Mercy Spanish

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MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 1st 7:30 AM Divine Mercy
Monday, January 1st 10:00 AM Divine Mercy

Upcoming Events

St. John the Baptist Church, Pottsville is sponsoring a Christmas Bazaar at the Russell Building on Saturday, November 11th from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM and Sunday, November 12th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Baskets, crafts, bargain table and homemade food and baked goods available. Take out only.

It's that time of year again and the ladies of St. Anne Guild are selling their home-made Christmas candy in St. Charles Borromeo Parish Center. There are three kinds of candy to choose from: Peanut Butter - One Pound \$12.00, Butter Cream—One Pound \$12.00 and Butter Cream Rolled in Peanuts—One Pound \$14.00. Orders may be placed by calling the Parish office at 875-1521. All order must in by November 15th.

St. Charles Borromeo Presents "After Dark" on Wednesday, November 22nd. Doors open at 7:00 PM and band will play from 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM at Fountain Springs Country Inn. Cash Bar & food will be available for purchase. If interested, please call the parish office 875-1521 or Karen Stohn at 933-5786.



Immaculate Conception is considered a holy day of obligation.

Masses will be scheduled as follows:

Thursday, Dec. 7th 5:30 PM Divine Mercy Church
Thursday, Dec. 8th 6:45 AM Divine Mercy Church
Thursday, Dec. 8th 7:00 PM Divine Mercy Church
En Espanol

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 and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right hand- corner of the page.

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.



Did You Request Extra Envelopes to Pay Your 2024 Dues Monthly?

If you receive collection envelopes monthly, envelopes for your dues are included in that packet of envelopes. It is the very first envelope of every month. Please use that envelope to pay your dues monthly. If you have any questions, please call the office.

Beginning, Monday, November 20th. you may schedule additional Masses

and book is open to non-parishioners.

The **Diocesan Mass Stipend is set at \$10.00.** When requesting a Mass for 2023, the stipend must be paid before it can be written in the Mass Book.

Nativity Happenings

The month of November, Nativity's Green and Gold Club will be selling Gift Card Calendars. Anyone who would like to donate a \$25 gift card it would be greatly appreciated. The Club will be mailing out 5 calendars to each Nativity family to sell and additional calendars will be available in the main office. The cost of each calendar is \$10.00.

On Sunday, November 19th, Nativity will be hosting a New Student Information Night for potential students for the 2024-2025 school year beginning at 5:00 PM at the school. Nativity BVM High School administration, faculty, staff, students, parents and Board Members will be on hand to discuss specific information about academics, financial aid, guidance services and opportunities for students. This information will be particularly helpful for incoming freshmen, transfer students, new students and potential host families. We invite you and your family to join us for this event. No pre-registration is required. All are welcome! Please contact the school at 622-8110 or jldaubert@nativitybvm.net with any questions.

Assumption BVM Catholic School ~ A Faith Based Educational Experience

In October, students and staff participated in the Pottsville Halloween parade! A great time was had by all as we shared our love for our school with those in attendance watching the parade.

Did you know that enrolling at ABVM is easy? Give us a call to learn how your child could be part of our school community. Limited space is available in a few grades. We will be having a Veteran's Day prayer service at the school at 9:30 AM on November 10th. If you have a name that you would like us to share and remember at the service, please contact Mrs. Schoepflin at eschoepflin@assumptionbvmschool.net to have the name(s) added to the program. Additionally, our students are learning about veterans and supporting wounded warriors and their families through Honor Their Courage, a service-learning opportunity benefitting Wounded Warrior Project. Please join us in raising funds for this worthy organization via <https://do.nr/5phx44uy> ABVM has partnered with the Reading Royals for a hockey game on November 18th. Tickets can be purchased via <https://fevogn.com/event/Assumptionbvm> . ABVM will receive \$5.00 for every ticket purchased through this link. Assumption BVM will be holding a Raffle for \$500.00 worth of fuel for the winter months. This fundraiser will directly benefit the school and its students. Tickets are \$5.00 each (small games of chance license #9524). Drawing will be held on December 21st. Chances can be purchased from any ABVM family or from the school (school phone: 622-0106 or e-mail: eschoepflin@assumptionbvmschool.net). Thank you for your help in making our Fuel Raffle a success!

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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WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NOV. 18TH & 19TH – ALL MASSES AT DIVINE MERCY

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM	Brophy,Marty	Elchisak,Michele	Blank,Name
7:30 AM	Oravitz Fell,Marguerite	Bronk,Cathy	Snitzer,Isabella
10:00 AM	Grochowski,Anne	Phillips,Kathy	Estrada,Jose & Caesar

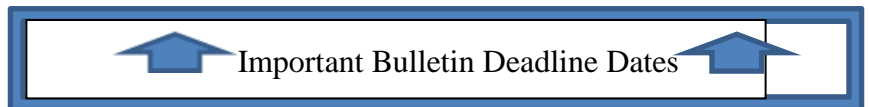
Shenandoah Area Free Public Library Events

The library will be participating in Francesco’s Dine In or Take Out during the months of October, November and December. Tickets are \$35.00 each and are valid for 1 Veal, Chicken or Seafood dinner and cannoli. Expiration date for tickets: December 31, 2023. Tickets can be purchased at the library 462-9829 or DSI Office, 116 North Main St. Shenandoah.

Bulletin Deadline Dates

Below you will find a listing of when bulletin information is due. The holidays are very busy, so I ask that you please use this as a reference guide as to when bulletin information is due. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Bulletin for Sunday....	Bulletin Information is due on ...
Sunday, November 26th	Monday, November 13th
Sunday, December 3rd	Monday, November 20th
Sunday, December 10th	Monday, November 27th
Sunday, December 17th	Thursday, December 7th
Sunday, December 24th	Monday, December 11th
Sunday, January 7th	Tuesday, December 26th



Cemetery Note

Please help us to keep all of our cemeteries looking nice and well maintained throughout the fall and winter months. Please remove and take home any flowers, planters, wreaths or baskets you placed on the graves. Flowers, baskets, logs & planters left on the graves will be removed & disposed of. Decorations, statues, and stepping stones should be removed permanently and if left will be disposed of. The cemeteries close daily at sunset, the gates will be closed during the winter months to prevent vandalism & trespass. Thank you for your cooperation.



Did You Change Your Phone Number?

The parish office has many incorrect phone numbers for the parishioners. We are asking that if you changed your phone number, please notify the office with your new phone number. Thank you!

Next Prayer Group will meet at the Father Ciszek Center on Thursday, December 7th at 6:30 PM.

Next Bible Group: Thursday, December 14th at 6:30 PM at the Father Ciszek Center.

Next Franciscan Group: Thursday, November 16th at 6:30 PM at the Father Ciszek Center.

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

Help Catholics Come Home

Do you know someone who was baptized Catholic but has stopped attending Mass, is questioning the faith, or hasn't found a parish home? Why not help your friend to come home? Perhaps you can act as a resource or offer to attend Mass together. If you aren't sure how to help, ask your pastor or priest for advice.

Let God Love You

Have you ever seen a parent scoop up a child and hug him closely as if he couldn't get enough of that beloved child? That's how God feels about you. He loves you dearly and shows you each day. Open your heart to him. He longs to embrace you and tell you that he loves you. Let God love you through the people around you. When you need help, support, or healthy love, don't refuse those whom God sends to you. God wants our safety and shows us the surest path for us to walk. Jesus walked it first to show us how. Follow His steps to stay safe. Our Father lets us make our own choices but gives advice to guide us. All we need to know to make smart decisions is contained in Scripture. Refer to it often to find out what God thinks is best. He is always ready to forgive. We are the ones who forget to ask. Meet him in Confession regularly. As a loving Father, he waits for our next visit and longs for our love. Don't miss a chance to meet him at Mass and in daily prayer. And, as a good Father, he waits for the day when all His children will come home to him and rest forever in His arms.



Financial Report -- September

Table with 4 columns: Item, Amount, Item, Amount. Rows include Net September Income, Expenses, Insurance, Assessments, Total Income, Total Expenses, Expenses over income, and This shows a loss of.



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.

Thanksgiving Dinner

The Schuylkill County Knights of Columbus Councils will be delivering a Turkey Dinner complete with turkey, filling, yams, gravy, vegetable and dessert to all residents of Schuylkill County who are in need of a meal for this Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd. If you know of a person who is in need of a meal, or if you are a person who is in need of a meal, please call either 773-0627 or 516.9514 and leave the following information if no one answers the phone (Name & Phone Number) and we will get back to you. You can also contact us at KofC431@yahoo.com. The only requirement we have for the meal is that the person be home. Closing date to order is November 17th at 5:00 PM in order for us to order the required items for the meal. Thank you. Also, anyone who can give us a hand delivering the meals is asked to come to St. Patrick's Social hall in Pottsville on Thanksgiving Day by 8:00 AM. You can sign up for an area you may know in order to deliver the meals or for any area. We are usually finished by 1:00 PM.



Redner's "Save - A- Tape" Receipts

Divine Mercy Parish is still 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. Please do not cut any of the receipt away.

