



Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of November 19, 2023

Monday, November 20, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Anna & Adie Jankaitis by Sister, Nikki**
2-4:00 PM Chapel **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
6 – 6:30 PM **Confessions at Divine Mercy**

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Jack Wright by Charlotte & Dave Kriner**

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Florence & William Traycheck & George Rittle**
by Rittle Family
5:30-7 PM Chapel **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Thursday, November 23, 2023

9:00 AM DM **Living & Deceased Members of Divine Mercy Parish**

Friday, November 24, 2023

6:45 AM DM **No Mass**

Saturday, November 25, 2023

8:00 AM DM **No Mass**

3:45 PM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
4:00 PM DM **Bernard & Carole Savakinas by Sister**

Sunday, November 26, 2023

7:30 AM DM **Elsie Slavinsky by Son, Steve**
9:40 AM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
10:00 AM DM **Francis V. McAndrew – Missing & Loving You by Sis**
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

11/12- \$ 6,501.00

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
Walter Hall
 \$10 Peter Ulicny
 \$10 Dorothy & Romolo Laureti
Virginia Bokuniewicz
Robert Kubilis
 \$25 Alan Pietkiewicz & family
 \$20 Michael & Sandy Uholik
 \$20 Joe, Joanne & Jamie Cugusi & Helene Gaborek
 \$20 Kulpowicz & Smith families
 \$20 Katulis family
 \$10 Walukiewicz Oravit Fell F. H.
 \$10 Romolo & Dorothy Laureti
 \$10 Joe & Donna Gawrylik
 \$10 Larry & Karen Chesla
 \$10 David & Karen Kondraski
Irene Discavage
 \$50 Tom & Rose
 \$10 Lynn Danouski
 \$10 Mary Bernosky
 \$10 Ron & Diane Kayes & family
Kathie Palubinsky
 \$25 Joe, Donna, Allen, Tricia & family
Mary Jo Zuber
 \$10 Cathy, Al & Alfie Bronk
Rev. Charles Dene
 \$10 Cathy, Al & Alfie Bronk
Dr. Joseph Zienkiewicz
 \$25 Mother, Loretta Zienkiewicz
In loving memory of Parents, Joe & Leena Pelly
 \$50 Son, Dr. Joe & Wife, Paer Pelly & family
John Gill
 \$10 M/M Robert Mulhall & son & Boris family
Special intentions
 \$5 Anonymous

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 a faithful friend, Frank Macus by Ann Romano
Blessed Mother In memory of Albert Jr., Albert Sr., Anna, Joseph, George & Regina & Irene Discavage by family
Blessed Mother In loving memory of my mother, Regina Straka by Paul Straka
Blessed Mother In loving memory of Virginia "Ginny" Bell by Paul Straka
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
Blessed Mother In loving memory of Mirocke family by Buchinsky family
Blessed Mother In memory of Dr. Joseph Zienkiewicz by anonymous
St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
St. Ann In loving memory of William Norris on his birthday, 11/17 by Daughter, Cathy & family
OLMC In memory of Eva Racis by Dorothy & Romolo
OLMC Special intentions by Ann Marnell Lehman
OLMC Special intentions for John Kelly family
Sacred Heart Special intentions by Mary Kufro
Altar In memory of Connell & Karvois families by Connell family
Altar In memory of Connell & Karvois families by Connell family
Jesus Crucified – 14 day In loving memory of Cookie Meier by Son, Sisters & Brother

St. Casimir
Sanctuary In loving memory of my Dad, George Rittle by Daughter, Maria
Czestochowa In memory of our Dad, John F. Bagienski by Baginski family
Divine Mercy In loving memory of Frank Macus by Fran & Maria
Divine Mercy In thanksgiving by P.T.
Divine Mercy Special intentions by P.T.
Divine Mercy Special intentions for Christopher, Hope, Marc, Benjamin & Morgan
Divine Mercy Good health & God's blessings for Mary Ann Pronio by Pat & Leo
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 by Louis & Donna Kowalski
Blessed Mother In loving memory of Joe & Joestelle by Wife/Mother
Blessed Mother In loving memory of Kathie by Tricia
Blessed Mother Special intentions, in thanksgiving & good health for Msgr. Bocian, Stephen Bocian, Brian Rooney, George Huss, Estelle McLaren, Joann Pribish, Julie Buchinsky & Scarlet Henry
Blessed Mother In memory of John McGuire by Wife, Peg
Sacred Heart In memory of Jay Rittle on his birthday by Daughter, Lisa
Sacred Heart Good health, God's blessings & speedy recovery from surgery for Patty by Pat & Leo
Sacred Heart Special intentions for Christopher & Marc
St. Anthony Special intentions for Christopher & Marc

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



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.**



Msgr. Bocian and the parish office staff would like to wish all of our parishioners & friends of Divine Mercy Parish a very Happy, Safe & Blessed Thanksgiving.

Chosen, Blessed & Shared

Please support the Retired & Infirm Priests of the Diocese of Allentown Please take advantage of the opportunity to offer support to the retired priests of our Diocese by helping provide for their care in retirement! Your donation will help serve those who have faithfully served us. You should have received a request letter in the mail within the last few days. You may return your gift in the mail or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. For more information, visit the website www.weloveourpriests.org. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

**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”

The Tree of Life has been placed in the vestibule of Divine Mercy Parish in the corridor leading to the former crying room. Take a moment and stop by to look at it. If anyone is still interested in making a donation to the new chapel in memory of someone or a special intention that you may have, please contact the parish office at 462-1968 as soon as possible. Your choices are: Leaf \$ 300.00, Acorn \$ 500.00, Foundation Stone \$ 1,000.00 and Mini-Tree \$ 1,500.00. Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to the chapel.



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

Misa En Espanol

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE

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

Catholic Charities – Pregnancy & Parenting Support Program - Diocese of Allentown - Christmas Giving Tree

This year during Advent, our parish will participate in the Christmas Giving Tree sponsored by the Catholic Charities – Diocese of Allentown. Catholic Charities focuses its Christmas giving on respect life efforts by providing counseling and material assistance to expectant and new mothers and their children. This year, the current administration in Harrisburg decided to not renew the annual government contract with Real Alternatives, the non-profit organization that funds our program. Because of this, your support is more needed than ever. Donations include: diapers, wipes, clothing, bottles, baby bathtubs and training potties. Additionally, gift cards to baby selling stores will be accepted. These items will be used to support pregnant and new mothers throughout the five counties of the Diocese of Allentown. Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated. Items may be dropped off at church in the vestibule or at the parish office.

Upcoming Events

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.

Change in Mass Days & Times



Immaculate Conception is considered a holy day of obligation.

Masses will be scheduled as follows:

Thursday, Dec. 7th 6:15 PM Divine Mercy Church
Friday, Dec. 8th 7:30 AM Divine Mercy Church
Friday, 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 for 2024

and book is open to non-parishioners.

The Diocesan Mass Stipend is set at \$10.00.

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 \$25.00 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

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!

A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Dear Lord, we thank you for the many ways you bless our lives. We know that every good gift comes from your hands... and even though life is not always good, you are good all the time. We are grateful for your love and faithfulness and for meeting our every need. Please bless and keep safe all who we hold dear. May we live with an attitude of gratitude each day of the year and never take anything for granted. We thank you for Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen

Debbie Kay, Hope For The Broken Hearted.com

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

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WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NOV. 25TH & 26TH – ALL MASSES AT DIVINE MERCY

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM	Maskornick, Sherri	Heckard, Louise	Blank, Name
7:30 AM	Daynorowicz, Nolan	Selvocki, Joseph	Daynorowicz, Nolan
10:00 AM	Twardzik, Joann	Domkus, Frances	Rakus, Evan & Donovan, Joseph

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, 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



October Lotto Winners

Patricia Bright	10/1	Day	\$ 50.00	# 210
Peg McGuire	10/2	Day	\$ 50.00	# 341
P & K Gavala	10/4	Eve	\$ 25.00	# 217
Carmen Cicioni	10/5	Day	\$ 50.00	# 125
Nikki Zarcufsky	10/10	Day	\$ 25.00	# 166
Barb Guzinski	10/31	Eve	\$ 25.00	# 227
Pat Treshock	10/31	Day	\$ 25.00	# 251



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, December 21st at 6:30 PM at the Father Ciszek Center.

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

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.**

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.



Financial Report -- September

Net September Income	\$ 22,915.47	Expenses	\$ 26,604.29
		Insurance	\$ 7,422.00
		Assessments	\$ 4,023.00
Total Income	\$22,915.47	Total Expenses	\$ 38,049.29
Expenses over income	\$ 15,133.82	This shows a loss of	\$ 15,133.82



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.

THE Cookie Sale To Combat World Hunger



It is with a heavy heart that I must tell you that we will not be doing the Cookie Sale this year. With the gangs that have taken over control in Haiti, Cross Catholic Outreach hasn't been able to get food aid into Haiti. There are no elected officials in office, no government services and police stations are empty because the police officers haven't been paid in months. If our partners can ship in food, as containers of aid and food leave the port, they are promptly hijacked by gangs. The contents of those containers are used by the gangs to gain control over the people of Haiti. Schools are closed so we can't do school feeding programs, which we feel is the hallmark of our Cookie Sale. Simply put, if you're with the gang, you get fed otherwise you starve. The last shipment of food that The Cookie Sale funded was sent to St. Joseph School and was hijacked on September 16, 2022. The result was that thousands of children that benefited from our feeding program went hungry.

Our Problem ...The unfortunate paradox is that the poorest of the poor in Haiti need us more than ever and we are absolutely unable to help. Our position, from the sources that we have, is that anything we ship to Haiti will be hijacked by gangs and used as a weapon. Since there is no police or security, putting people in Haiti to help would border on insanity as murders and kidnappings have skyrocketed beyond imagination. According to the UN, in the last half of 2022, there have been 260 murders in the Brooklyn neighborhood of Cite Soleil alone.

We are working with our partners who are trying to find other areas and means to get the food into Haiti, but at this time it's risky for them and the people trying to transport it to those in need.

We want to honor your loyalty by being as transparent as possible and we want to be good stewards of the funds we have received. As a legal non-profit entity, we believe we have 3 obligations: 1. The poorest of the poor in Haiti, 2. Combating world hunger and 3. Our organizations that sold the cookie trays.

We hope and pray that we can do The Cookie Sale in 2024 but until the gangs are under control we need to suspend it.

