



Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of December 3, 2023

Monday, December 4, 2023

7:30 AM DM Loving Memory of Albin & Helen Zancusky by Daughter,
Joan
5-6:00 PM DM Confessions & Adoration
6-7:00 PM DM Rosary/Benediction

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

7:30 AM DM Rev. Charles Dene by Divine Mercy Parish
5-6:00 PM DM Confessions & Adoration
6-7:00 PM DM Rosary/Benediction

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

7:30 AM DM Wytenus, Hajzer, Favilla, Gregan, Sysko & Butfiloski
Families by Mike & Terry Gilliam
8-6:00 PM Chapel Advent Day of Prayer

Thursday, December 7, 2023

7:30 AM DM Mary & Mitchell Gregonis by Michele Day
6:15 PM DM Lottie & Connie Anczarski by Family

Friday, December 8, 2023 – Immaculate Conception

7:30 AM DM Sajone Family by Val Sajone
2-4:00 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 PM DM Living & Deceased Priests – Diocese of Allentown
En Espanol

Saturday, December 9, 2023

7:30 AM DM Paul Squierdo by Tom & Sherry Squierdo
3:45 PM DM Divine Mercy Chaplet
4:00 PM DM Edward Michalik by Wife, Catherine Michalik & Children

Sunday, December 10, 2023

7:30 AM DM Mary Lou Brennan by Michele Day
9:40 AM DM Divine Mercy Chaplet
10:00 AM DM Dec'd Members of the Pavlosky & Twardzik Families by
Chris & Jo Ann Twardzik
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

11/19 - \$ 5,035.00



Divine Mercy Memorial Fund
In loving memory of Diane M. Kalyan
 \$10 Husband, Ron & family
Dr. Joseph Zienkiewicz
 \$20 Anna Mundy
 \$10 Pat & Leo Treshock
 \$5 Roseanne Malinoski
Roseanne Doyle
 \$25 Kaitlyn Doyle & Nork family
Tushie Burns
 \$5 Son, Michael & family
Eva Racis
 \$5 Nieces & family
Walter Hall
 \$10 Pat & Leo Treshock
Matthew Coughlin
 \$10 Walukiewicz Oravitz Fell F. H.
 \$10 Fadule family
Good health & God's blessings for
Mary Anne Grochowski
 \$20 Helen Grochowski
Special intentions
 \$5 Anonymous

Father Walter Cizek Chapel Memorial Fund

Birthday Memorial Remembrance To Our Parents

Eva "Chesnavage" Racis 11/18

Peg "Dean" Bonner 11/19

\$50 Joan & Bobby Racis

MASS
TIME CHANGE

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.**

1st Sunday in Advent

December 3, 2023

Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come.



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 Deceased family & friends by M/M John Thomas
Divine Mercy In memory of Jimmy Lally by family
Divine Mercy In memory of Al & Eileen Mikita by family
Blessed Mother In memory of Albert Jr., Albert Sr., Anna, Joseph, George & Regina & Irene Discavage by family
Blessed Mother In loving memory of Andrew Velousky on his 9th anniversary of death by Velousky & Maloney families
Blessed Mother In loving memory of Cookie Meier by Sisters, Pat & Elaine
Blessed Mother In loving memory of Kitty & Leo Breznik by Son, Mickey & family
Blessed Mother Special blessings for a quick & full recovery for Cioci, Julie Buchinsky by Whiskers & Susan Bobbin
Blessed Mother Happy 32nd birthday & God's blessings to Nana by Whiskers & Susan Bobbin
St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
St. Ann Happy anniversary John & Charlotte Sideravage by Jennie & Murph
OLMC Special intentions by Ann Marnell Lehman
OLMC Special intentions for John Kelly family
OLMC Happy repose of Agnes Ferguson by Toth, Burcin & Shustack families
OLMC In memory of Patricia Litwak by Ed & Cindi Shafransky
Sacred Heart Special intentions by Mary Kufro
St. Joseph In memory of Joseph Mikita by family
St. Joseph In memory of Karvois & Connell families by Marilyn Connell
Altar In honor of St. Faustina by Anne Romano
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St. Casimir

Sanctuary In loving memory of my Dad, George Rittle by Daughter, Maria
Czestochowa In loving memory of our Dad, John F. Baginski by Baginski family
Divine Mercy In loving memory of Frank Macus by Fran & Maria
Divine Mercy Special intentions by Michael & Marie Michalik
Divine Mercy Special intentions by Pat
Divine Mercy In loving memory of William Norris on his heavenly birthday 11/17 by Daughter, Roseanne Malinoski
Divine Mercy In thanksgiving by PMT
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 Special intentions for Christopher, Hope, Marc, Benjamin & Morgan
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 memory of John McGuire by Wife, Peg
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
Sacred Heart Special intentions for Christopher & Marc
Sacred Heart In thanksgiving by PMT
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

Chosen, Blessed & Shared

Thank you to those who have given so generously to the "Chosen, Blessed & Shared" annual fund. If you haven't given, it is not too late to support the retired priests of our Diocese by making a gift to the Endowment Fund for the Care of Retired Priests. This special fund is used to directly support retired priests in good standing including the future costs of their healthcare, insurance, housing and sustenance. Please return your gift using the envelope you received in the mail. These envelopes may be returned in the mail or in the collection basket at Mass. For more information, visit the website www.weloveourpriest.org. Your generosity supports retired priests from all 5 counties of our Diocese.

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

Are now 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 by Sunday, December 17th.**



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		



Divine Mercy Parish Homemade Pierogies

are now available. Cost: \$ 8.00 per dozen.



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 (462)1968) 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.

You may schedule additional Masses for 2024

and book is open to non-parishioners.

The Diocesan Mass Stipend is set at \$10.00.

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!

Upcoming Events:

The Nuremberg Community Players present Christmas is Here Again on Friday, December 8th and Saturday, December 9th at 7:00 PM and Sunday, December 10th at 3:00 PM. Reservations 1-877-718-7894. Presented at the Emerson Theater, 283 Hazle Street, Nuremberg, PA.

What: All you can eat Breakfast for St. Clare of Assisi Parish, St. Clair

When: Sunday, December 10th

Time: 8:00 AM – Noon

Where: Immaculate Conception Hall, Diener's Hill

Cost is \$10.00/adults; \$5.00/Children

Breakfast includes Ham, Bacon, Sausage, Potatoes, Eggs, Pancakes, French Toast, Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice and Apple Juice



Many parishioners have asked about having past bulletins on our website: www.dmparish.com. Good news, we now have past bulletins on our website. All you have to do is to our website, www.dmparish.com and click on About Us and Bulletin Archive and you can click on whichever one you would like to read.



Attention all Safe Environment Coordinators!

Mandated reporter trainings and Protecting God's Children Workshops will now be available virtually. If you are interested, please contact Pam Russo Secretary, Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services
P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538
610-871-5200 ext. 2204
prusso@allentowndiocese.org

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service

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Servicio de Denuncia de Abusos de Obispos Católicos

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**WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR
DEC. 7TH – 9TH-10TH – ALL MASSES AT DIVINE MERCY**

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
12/7 @ 6:15 PM	Twardzik, Joann	Engle, Lillian	Donovan, Joseph Rakus, Evan
4:00 PM	Brophy, Marty	Toborowsky, Robert	Blank
7:30 AM	Daynorowicz, Nolan	Selvocki, Joseph	Daynorowicz, Nolan
10:00 AM	Twardzik, Pam	Twardzik, Thomas	Estrada, Jose & Caesar

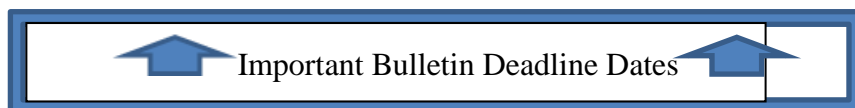
Shenandoah Area Free Public Library Events

The library will be participating in Francesco's Dine In or Take Out during the month of 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 17th	Thursday, December 7th
Sunday, December 24th	Monday, December 11th
Sunday, January 7th	Tuesday, December 26th



A "Christ-Centered" Christmas is a Joyful One

For Catholics, the weeks leading up to Christmas are a sacred time to prepare our hearts for Christ's coming. For a joy-filled Christmas, try these ideas:

Encourage joyful anticipation. As disciples of Jesus, it is our role to help others to believe and hope in the power of God to change the world as He transforms hearts and minds. *"But as for me, I will look to the Lord, I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me"* (Micah 7:7). Look for opportunities to share your confidence in His love.

Focus on prayer. Become an Advent prayer intercessor praying for every soul to come home to God, especially at this time of peace. Ask that He gives everyone the grace to live a new life reflecting glory on the Messiah.

Serve. Pope Francis said during Advent, "We are so busy with all the preparations, with gifts and things that pass, but let's ask ourselves what we should do for Jesus and for others! What should we do?" The pope said we should continuously ask God what we should do to contribute to the good of the Church and society. We can do "something concrete, even if it is small" to help others. He suggested visiting the lonely, the elderly, the sick or someone in need.



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 -- October

Net October Income	\$ 46,029.59	Expenses	\$ 56,368.73
		Insurance	\$ 7,422.00
		Assessments	\$ 4,023.00
Total Income	\$ 46,029.59	Total Expenses	\$ 67,813.73
Expenses over income	\$ 21,784.14	This shows a loss of	\$ 21,784.14



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.

Have a Peaceful, Merry Christmas!

Do you aim for an idyllic Christmas celebration complete with a warm fire, joyful music, and tinsel-covered tree? For many of us, Christmas comes at the end of weeks spent shopping, wrapping, and spending, and is wrought with family tensions, obligations, and exhaustion. Try these steps to keep your sanity and your Savior in your Christmas celebration:

Be realistic. It isn't the goal of the season to make everyone happy. If you don't overspend and over extend before Christmas, you'll be in a better frame of mind when it arrives.

Soothe the beast. Beautiful music can set a soothing tone for your celebration. Pick your favorite holy hymns to put yourself in the Christmas frame of mind.

Reach out. Want to make your own problems seem small? Take on someone else's. Do at least one good Christmas deed for someone needy.

Seek the eternal. Jesus gives us peace, purpose, and perspective. Spend time with Jesus each day of Advent and Christmas to remind yourself of what is most important about Christmas.

Feasts and Celebrations

December 3 – First Sunday in Advent. We anticipate Christ's birth and His coming on the last day. Catholics everywhere light candles in an Advent wreath to signal the coming of the light of Christ.

December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe (1531). The Blessed Mother appeared as a Native American maiden to St. Juan Diego. She asked St. Juan to carry roses to the bishop as proof. When the roses were emptied from his *tilma*, it retained the image of the Blessed Mother.

December 15 – St. Maria di Rosa (1855). Born into a wealthy family in Brescia, Italy, Paula was renowned for holiness, generosity, and concern for the sick. She founded the Handmaids of Charity in 1840. She took the name Sr. Maria Crucifixa di Rossa.

December 27 – St. John the Beloved (1st Century). As an apostle and friend of Jesus, St. John was known for his fiery temper. Scholars believe he is the "beloved disciple" who sat by Jesus at the Last Supper in John's Gospel.

