

# Divine Mercy Parish

## Mass Schedule for the Week of January 14, 2024

Monday, January 15, 2024

Anna, Mike & Joe Caulfield by Francis Caulfield 7:30 AM **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** 2:00 - 4 PM Chapel 6-6:30 PM DM Confessions Tuesday, January 16, 2024 7:30 AM **DM** Charles Gannon by Sister Patricia Wednesday, January 17, 2024 Georgette Moyer by Family 7:30 AM **DM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** 5:30 - 7 PM Chapel Thursday, January 18, 2024 **DM** Suzanne & George Rittle by Family 7:30 AM Friday, January 19, 2024 **Living & Deceased Members of Divine Mercy Parish** 7:30 AM DM

2:00 - 4 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:30 AM DM Saturday, January 20, 2024
Joseph P. Savakinas by Sister

3:45 PM DM Divine Mercy Chaplet

**4:00 PM DM Jack Wright** by Charlotte & Dave Kriner

Sunday, January 21, 2024

**7:30 AM DM Dominik Machnowski** by Bogdan Rybak

9:40 AM DM Divine Mercy Chaplet

10:00 AM DM John & Anna Monlish by Dan, Diane & 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 <a href="https://www.EWTN.com/tv/shows/sunday-Mass-live">www.EWTN.com/tv/shows/sunday-Mass-live</a>. Pray this prayer for spiritual communion and set aside time for prayer with the Sacred Scriptures of the day – go to <a href="https://www.wordamongus.org">www.wordamongus.org</a>.

#### **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.

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Divine Mercy Collections 12/24 - \$15,814.00 12/31 - \$7,189.00 1/7- \$3,571.00



On Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Office will reopen on Tuesday, January 16th at 8:30 AM.



		a Sunday of Ordi	nary Time – January 14, 2024		
	ivine Mercy Memorial Fund	Divine Mercy			
Anne Zeplin		Sanctuary	n memory of my beloved Parents & Sister, Angelo & Enrica &		
\$30	Divine Mercy Parishioners		Jean Romano by Ann Romano		
\$10	Maria Rittle	Blessed Mother	In loving memory of Joseph Domozik by Diane & Randy Sinclair		
\$10	Anonymous	Blessed Mother	In loving memory of Theresa Kanick by Diane & Randy Sinclair		
\$10	Bill & Midge Fell	Blessed Mother	In loving memory of Helen Savitsky by Diane & Randy Sinclair		
	Kalyan	Blessed Mother	In memory of Jack Wright by Charlotte Kriner		
\$10	Husband, Ron & family	Blessed Mother	In loving memory of Rose & William Norris by Daughter, Cathy &		
	Rooney		family		
\$50	Tom & Pam Twardzik & sons	St. Ann	Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family		
\$50	Al Majewski	Sacred Heart	Special intentions by Mary Kufro		
\$25	Diane & Randy Sinclair	OLMC	Special intentions by Ann Marnell Lehman		
\$25	Cathy & Ray Sajone	OLMC	Special intentions for John Kelly family		
\$25	Buchinsky family	OLMC	Special intentions for John Kelly family		
\$25	John & Audrey Reese	St. Joseph	God's blessings for Mary Ann Pronio by Dolores		
\$25	M/M Bob Hancock & family	St. Joseph	Successful surgery for Marie Michalik by Dolores		
\$20	Renee & Mike Evans				
\$20	Nick & Kelly Sajone		St. Casimir		
\$20	Tony & Val Sajone	Sanctuary	In loving memory of my Dad, George Rittle by Daughter, Maria		
\$20	M/M Paul Sosna	Czestochowa	In loving memory of parents & brothers, Joseph, Victoria, Edward,		
\$20	Rose Griffin		Leonard & Stanley Michalik by son/brother, Michael & wife,		
\$20	Ed & Kerri Michalik		Marie		
\$20	Leo & Corrine Kayes	Czestochowa	In memory of our Dad, John F. Bagienski by Baginski family		
\$20	Tyler Wierzalis &	Divine Mercy	In loving memory of Frank Macus by Fran & Maria		
	Roberta Barowski	Divine Mercy	In memory of Charles "Chuck" Lindenmuth by M/M John M.		
\$20	M/M Mark Mikita & daughters		Thomas		
\$20	Don & Carla McCarthy	Divine Mercy	Healthy recovery for Delmy McGauley by Ed & Fran Domkus		
\$20	Jim & Lauren Amato & family	Divine Mercy	In loving memory of Joseph, Mary, Joseph J., Bernard, Alverna &		
\$20	Michael Goody		John Zelonis by granddaughter/niece, Marie Michalik & husband,		
\$20	M/M William Cuff		Mike		
\$20	Bob & Ellen Selgrade & family	Divine Mercy	In memory of John & Helen Pukavige by children		
\$20	Catizone family	Divine Mercy	In memory of John & Helen Pukavige by children		
\$20	Kathy & Leo Luciano	Divine Mercy	Special intentions for Christopher, Hope, Marc, Donna, Benjamin		
\$20	Mike, Kim, Jake & Josh	D	& Morgan		
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\$20	Frank & Mary Avolio	D	& Morgan		
\$20	M/M Charles Vascavage	Divine Mercy	Special intentions by Louis & Donna Kowalski		
\$20	Bre & Jack Buchinsky	Divine Mercy	Prayers & good health for J.M., S.M., M.S., A.M., Z. S., T.S., R.G.,		
\$20	Rick, Donna & Derrick	D: : M	G.M., L.B. & J. B.		
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\$20	Mike & Anne Cadau	D' las Mass	G.M., L.B. & J. B.		
\$20	Bill & Therese Rakus	Divine Mercy	Prayers & good health for J.M., S.M., M.S., A.M., Z. S., T.S., R.G.,		
\$20	Mike Ryan & family	Diagonal Madhan	G.M., L.B. & J. B.		
\$20	Melissa & Tony Kilker & family	Blessed Mother	In loving memory of Joe & Joestelle by Wife/Mother		
\$20	Aimee & Kyle Kerlavage	Blessed Mother	In loving memory of Brian Rooney by Pat Lapatovich		
\$20	John Falley	Blessed Mother	In memory of Brian Rooney by Elaine Tutko		
\$20	Megan & John Tomtishen	Blessed Mother	Blessings for a successful surgery for Marie Michalik by Ed &		
\$20	John & Barb Szczyglak	Diagonal Madhan	Fran Domkus		
\$10	Anonymous	Blessed Mother	In loving memory of John McGuire by Wife, Peg		
\$10	A friend	Blessed Mother	Special intentions, in thanksgiving & good health for Msgr. Bocian,		
\$10 \$10	Tom & Diane Pavlosky		Stephen Bocian, George Huss, Estelle McLaren, Joann Pribish,		
\$10 \$10	Joe & Susie Boris		Julie Buchinsky, Scarlet Henry & Mary Lou Scardino & strength		
\$10	Mark & Ashley Palubinsky	Dlagged Mathew	for the Rooney family		
\$10 \$10	Pat & Josh Pekala	Blessed Mother	Special intentions, in thanksgiving & good health for Msgr. Bocian,		
\$10 \$10	Ron & Diane Kayes & family		Stephen Bocian, George Huss, Estelle McLaren, Joann Pribish,		
\$10 \$10	Joe, Joann & Jamie Cugusi	Dlagged Mather	Julie Buchinsky, Scarlet Henry & Mary Lou Scardino  In manager of Charles & Thoraca Phiaklay Kalankaski by San		
\$10	Helene Gaborek	Blessed Mother	In memory of Charles & Theresa Blickley Kalenkoski by Son, \		
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		Biessed Mother	In memory of Stephanie Zdziera by Nephew, Mark – rest in peace		

	Secon	d Sunday of Ordi	nary Time – January 14, 2024		
Brian Rooney		Blessed Mother	In memory of John & Helene (Tootsie) Blickley McBride by		
\$10 Patricia Ryan			Godson, Mark – rest in peace		
\$10	Walukiewicz Oravitz Fell F.H.	Blessed Mother	In memory of Charles & Mary Kapochny Kalenkoski by Grandson,		
\$10	Chuck & Diane Lawson		Mark – miss you and rest in peace		
\$10	Jack & Michele Onisick	Blessed Mother	her In memory of John Pukas by Great Great Nephew, Mark – rest in		
\$10	Karen & Alberto Ruiz & family		Peace		
\$10	Alice Palek & son, Matthew	atthew Blessed Mother In memory of Frank & Betty Blickley Perez by Nephew, Mark			
\$5			rest in peace		
Gertr	ude Pitts	Blessed Mother	In memory of William & Elizabeth Walsh Blickley by Grandson,		
\$5 Maria Rittle			Mark – thank you for all you have done for me		
Lonna Swantek		Blessed Mother	Special intentions by PMT		
\$20	Mike & Sandy Uholik	Sacred Heart	Special intentions for Christopher & Marc		
\$10	Jo Marie & Maria Rittle	Sacred Heart	Special intentions for Christopher & Marc		
\$10	Walukiewicz Oravitz Fell F. H.	St. Anthony	Special intentions for Christopher & Marc		
\$10	Louise Gervalis	St. Anthony	Special intentions for Christopher & Marc		
\$10	Joe & Donna Palubinsky	St. Ann	In memory of Theodore, Catherine & Catherine Mary Guzinski by		
\$10 Szczyglak family		Barbie			
Antho	ony Bobbin	Chapel			
\$10 Jules & Pat Stremba		Sanctuary	Special intentions by Msgr. B		
Rev. Msgr. John Murphy		Blessed Mother	In memory of Gloria Choplick by Barbara Guzinski		
\$10	Jules & Pat Stremba	St. Joseph	Prayers & good health for Emily Seigel by Uncle Ed & Aunt Kerri		
\$10	Madeline (Mirocke) Buchinsky				
Gloria Choplick		Tax Time is app	broaching us very quickly. Need a copy of your		
\$30	Anne & Jenn Grochowski	contribution shee	et? Again, this year we will not be mailing out the		
\$20	David & Daria Kayes	contribution sheets to every parishioner of our parish. Therefore, if			
\$20	Dan & Joan Shustack	you would like a	copy for tax purposes, it is necessary for you to		
\$20	Len (Buff) Ciszek	call the parish office at 462-1968 in a request for your contribution			
\$20	Stan & Mary Dakosty	sheet for 2023. We will mail this sheet directly to you.			
\$20	Janet Levitsky				
\$20	Mike & Mary Laureti	-			
\$20	Steve & Selina Toth		Additional Christmas Memorials		
\$20	Mary & Frank Avolio	\$50 John Rydzy by Wife, Rose			

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\$10	Joseph & Emma Uholik & Joseph & Sophie Najunas by M/M Joseph Uholik
	Segal & Kurlowicz families by Anna Marie Segal

### Additional Christmas Flower Memorial

\$10 Stanley & Jean Katulis by Joseph Katulis



Blessing of the candles will take place during Mass on Friday, February 2nd at 7:30 AM at Divine Mercy. Candles will then be available after Mass, available on weekends and also at the parish office. Candles are for home use – All Blessed Candles \$ 4.00 – two candles per box.

St. Blaisé – Blessing of Throats will take place on the following days:

Saturday, February 3rd – 7:30 AM Mass – there will be individual blessing

4:00 PM Mass – there will be a general blessing

Sunday, February 4th – 7:30 AM Mass & 10:00 AM – there will be a general blessing

### Marian Catholic High School -- Open House

Sunday, January 28th - 2:00-4:00 PM

Come learn how to make a Marian education possible.

To RSVP, please contact Mary Milosh at <a href="mmilosh@mariancatholichs.org">mmilosh@mariancatholichs.org</a> or 467-3335 ext. 117.

### \$20 Mary & Frank Avolio \$20 St. Cecilia Choir Stan & Carol Shumski \$20 \$20 Lisa Broomell \$20 **Buchinsky** family Bob & Ellen Selgrade \$20 Mary & Ann Flannery \$20 Ray Wisniewski \$20 Terry & Joe Richardson \$15 \$10 Ann Romano Jo Marie & Maria Rittle \$10

Peter Ulicny

Joe & Joann Jacavage

Bob & Joan Nowak

Joan Zancusky

Parker family

Rosanne Hall

Michele Day Ron & Diane Kayes

Sissy McAndrew

Joe & Susy Boris

Ron Kalyan

Walukiewicz Oravitz Fell F. H.

Dorothy & Romolo Laureti

Dave & Betty Halushack

Maryann Selvocki & son

Edward & Cindi Shafransky

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**Gloria Choplick** 

\$5 Theresa & Len Wierzalis & family

\$5 Tricia Palubinsky

**Special intentions** 

\$5 Anonymous

## Father Walter J. Ciszek Chapel Memorial Fund Brian Rooney

\$25 Barbara Jo Buchinsky & family \$20 Joe & Leanne Hall & family

\$10 Karen & Leo Kayes

\$10 Wally & Helene Choplick

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### Gloria Choplick

\$100 Carolyn Ginther
\$25 Nini & Joe Donahue
\$20 Abigail Kayes & John
\$10 Pat & Leo Treshock



Please pray for the soul of Anne Zeplin, Sister Helene's sister who recently passed away. Please keep Sister Helene & her family in your prayers.

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, diles 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.Ch erry St., Shenandoah. Teléfono 570 (4621968) para reservar fechas y rellenar formularios. El proceso es muy fácil.

**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.

# You may schedule additional Masses for 2024

and book is open to non-parishioners.

The Diocesan Mass Stipend is set at \$10.00.

### Match the Daily Number!

The Marian Catholic High School Blue & Gold Club is selling Lottery Calendars for the 2024 year.

Match the daily number on the 7:00 PM drawing. The cost is \$25.00.

To purchase a calendar please contact a school volunteer: Janis Dvorak at 929-2921; Kathy Goff at 610-704-8037; Maria McGinley at 484-629-4997; or Erin Marek at Marian 467-3335; or even visit the facebook page; Blue and Gold Club.

The Blue & Gold Club raises funds for the school throughout the year and every child that attends Marian Catholic benefits from the work of the Blue & Gold Club.

December Lotto Winners					
Janet Moyer	12/2	\$ 50.00	# 502	Eve	
Theresa Kosar	12/3	\$ 50.00	# 557	Day	
Diane Chowanes	12/5	\$ 50.00	#713	Day	
Dan Shustack	12/7	\$ 25.00	# 538	Eve	
Joan Madaffari	12/11	\$ 25.00	# 658	Eve	
Mel Mac	12/12	\$ 25.00	# 484	Day	
Darlene Mlynek	12/12	\$ 25.00	# 661	Eve	
Paul & Deb Sosna	12/15	\$ 25.00	# 539	Eve	
Ray Filozof	12/24	\$ 50.00	# 618	Day	
Linda Cadau	12/28	\$ 25.00	# 482	Day	

### Simple Ways to Live a Better Life

One consequence of a protracted pandemic is that we are almost forced to rethink the way we go about our daily lives. It's a good time to think about simplifying the way we live:

**Live in the moment**. We can't change the past and dwelling on the future is unproductive. The choices we make right now are all that count.

**Avoid drama**. There will always be someone whose situation is worse than our own. If you find yourself seeking attention and sympathy from other people – or get drawn in by those who do – try substituting activities you find positive and interesting instead. Prayer helps.

**Talk less**. Weigh your words before you say them. Spend more time listening. **Spend time with happy people**. Connect in safe and healthy ways with people who are positive and want to improve their lives. Let go of those who drain your energy. **Work happy**. No matter how you earn a paycheck, give it your very best effort. That turns any job into a blessing.



#### **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 MarieJohnson,. Johnson@allentown diocese.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

<u>www.allentowndiocese.</u>org and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right hand- corner of the page.

# 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

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at <a href="www.ReportBishopAbuse.org">www.ReportBishopAbuse.org</a> or by calling 800-276-1562

### Servicio de Denuncia de Abusos de Obispos Católicos

Si tiene una denuncia de abuso contra un 6bispo, comuníquese con el Servicio de Denuncias de Abuso de Obispos Católicos en

> www.ReportBishopAbuse.org o llamando al 800-276-1562

# WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 20TH & 21ST — ALL MASSES AT DIVINE MERCY

Mas Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server	
4:00 PM	Maskornick,Sherri	Mealia,Patrick	Blank	
7:30 AM	Oravitz Fell,Marguerite	Selvocki, Joseph	Snitzer,Isabella	
10:00 AM	Taylor,Anne	Sadusky,Joseph	Estrada, Jose & Caesar	

### **Nativity Happenings:**

Nativity is currently accepting inquiries for enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year. Individual meetings, school tours and shadow days are being scheduled for possible enrollment. Please contact Mrs. Jennifer Daubert in the Development office with any enrollment questions.

### **OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION:**

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year at Nativity is scheduled for Sunday, January 28, 2024 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the school. Faculty, staff, administration and coaches will be available to answer questions. Tours of the school will be given and tuition assistance drawings will be available that afternoon for those who register. Please contact Jennifer Daubert @ 622-8110 with any questions.

### Nativity BVM High School CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK- 2024 Schedule

### Sunday, January 28, 2024 – Celebrating Our Future

We celebrate the future of our school with our Open House and Registration for the 2024-2025 school year. School tours, presentations and displays will begin at 1 PM. Members of the entire Nativity community will be available to answer questions. No pre-registration is required. All are welcome!

# Monday, January 29, 2024 - Celebrating Our School Community

We celebrate our community by bringing it together to celebrate the holy sacrifice of the Mass as we open the week. There will be doughnuts distributed to bus drivers, van drivers, and parents to thank them for their help with our students during the school year. (AM SCHEDULE)

### Tuesday, January 30, 2024 - Celebrating Our Wonderful Students

We will be celebrating the gift of our wonderful students by treating them to a free dress down day. There will be activities scheduled for the students in the afternoon including games and a movie. (SPECIAL SCHEDULE)

### Wednesday, January 31, 2024 - Celebrating Our Nation

We will be celebrating the United States and our Nativity Nation by having a special flag raising ceremony with our new flag donated by Student Council and singing of our National Anthem. There will be a free dress down day themed with the colors of your country for all students, faculty and staff. In the morning, we will unite as a school family to watch a basketball game between our Nativity Hilltoppers and St. Joseph Center students. (AM SCHEDULE)

### Thursday, February 1, 2024 - Celebrating the Gift of Vocations

We will celebrate vocations with a special gift of thanks to our chaplain, Fr. Kevin Bobbin. There will be visiting religious speaking to the theology classes about the gifts of their vocations. We will join together in the afternoon for Nativity's version of Family Feud (PM ASSSEMBLY)

### Friday, February 2, 2024 - Celebrating our Faculty and Staff

We will be treating all of our devoted faculty and staff to donuts and coffee in the morning and to lunch during their lunch periods to thank them for their hard work and dedication to Nativity. Faculty and staff will also be able to have a dress down day and a have a good day sticker. Throughout the day there will be an ongoing Rock, Paper, Scissors tournament with the finals of the tournament being held in the afternoon. (directions will be given prior) (SPECIAL SCHEDULE)

Next Prayer Group will meet at the Father Ciszek Center on Thursday, February 1st at 6:30 PM.

Next Bible Group: Thursday, February 8th at 6:30 PM at the Father Ciszek Center.

Next Franciscan Group: Thursday, January 18th 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.

Jan. 25 – The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle (1st Century). Setting out for Damascus to carry on the persecution of the Christians, he encountered Christ (Acts 9:1-19; 22:5-16; 26:12-18) while on the road to Damascus. He was struck blind from the experience until he was baptized by Ananias three days later. He converted and began preaching the faith as he travelled around the Mediterranean.

### **Financial Report --November**

Net November Income	\$ 29,797.67	Expenses	\$	47,578.40
		Insurance	\$	7,422.00
		Assessments	\$	4,023.00
Total Income	\$ 29,797.67	Total Expenses	\$	59,023.40
Expenses over income	\$ 29,225.73	This shows a loss	of \$	29,225.73







**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.





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.

### **Find Peace in Difficult Times**

If you follow news about national or world events, the reporting can rob you of peace. With stories of financial insecurity, unemployment, disease, depression, and division, how can we find peace?

**Talk it out.** Bringing worries into the light and confiding them to someone we trust can cut them down to size. Even better – talk about worries with God. Prayer has the added advantage of surrendering your problems into powerful hands. "Jesus, I trust in You!"

**Focus on what you** *can* **do**, not what you can't. Stress results from feeling powerless. Focusing on what we can't do can "paralyze" our problem-solving abilities. Start making a list of steps you can take toward solving your problem. Whatever is beyond your control, leave to God.

**Immerse yourself in God's all-powerful love.** Whether we feel it or not, whether we *believe* it or not, we are God's precious children. He watches over us very closely. He knows what we can handle and is more than ready to help us with all the rest.

