



Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of February 18, 2024

Monday, February 19, 2024

7:30 AM DM Carissa Waiksnoris & Mark & David Twardzik by Chris & Jo Ann Twardzik
 2:00 - 4 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 6-6:30 PM DM Confessions

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

7:30 AM DM Stanley & Virginia Bokuniewicz by Daughter, Colleen Moyer
 5-6:00 PM DM Confessions & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 6-7:00 PM DM Stations of the Cross/Benediction

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

7:30 AM DM Mel Sivak by Family
 8:00 AM -6:00 PM Chapel Lenten Day of Prayer

Thursday, February 22, 2024

7:30 AM DM Gloria Choplick by Maryann Bruni & Family

Friday, February 23, 2024

7:30 AM DM Living & Deceased Members of Divine Mercy Parish
 2:30 PM DM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 3:00 PM DM Stations of the Cross/Benediction
 7:00 PM DM Stations of the Cross (En Espanol)

Saturday, February 24, 2024

7:30 AM DM Gertrude Pitts by Karen McCarthy
 3:45 PM DM Divine Mercy Chaplet
 4:00 PM DM Edward J. Miller – 13th Anniversary by Mary, Sally & Myles

Sunday, February 25, 2024

7:30 AM DM Rev. Charles Dene
 9:40 AM DM Divine Mercy Chaplet
 10:00 AM DM Matthew Sherakas by Wife, Rita
 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 mantel. Pray for us and help us. Amen.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

When: Every 1st Sunday of the month
 Time: 3:00 PM
 Where: St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Mahanoy City

Divine Mercy Collections

2/11 – \$ 5,378.98



Parish Office will be closed

Monday, February 19th for Presidents' Day.
 The office will reopen on Tuesday, February 20th at 8:30 AM.

Divine Mercy Memorial Fund
Diane Kalyan
 \$10 Husband, Ron & family
Catherine Baginski
 \$10 Peter Ulicny
Ann Kelly
 \$100 John “Ben” Makarczyk
 \$10 Christopher & Jo Ann Twardzik
 \$10 Georgine Sinkus
Walter Hall
 \$10 Ray Kendricks
Michael Breslosky
 \$10 Peter Ulicny
 \$10 Jo Marie & Maria Rittle
 \$10 Leo & Pat Treshock
Robert Zeplin
 \$30 Divine Mercy Parish
 \$5 Maria Rittle
Special intentions
 \$5 Anonymous
Thank you St. Rita for prayers answered
 \$5 C.P.

Father Walter J. Ciszek Chapel Memorial Fund
Ann Kelly
 \$10 Ann Romano
Living & Deceased Bernardine Franciscan Sisters
 \$10 Ed & Fran Domkus



And Best Wishes to our Pastor, Msgr. Bocian who will celebrate his 52nd anniversary in the priesthood on March 18th. We wish Msgr. many more years in the priesthood and we will continue to pray for him that God will bless him with good health & many more years at our parish.

During Lent, there will be NO adoration in the chapel on a Wednesday or Friday due to Adoration, Confessions, Benediction & Stations of the Cross held on Tuesday evening beginning at 5:00 PM and Adoration and Stations of the Cross & Benediction held every Friday at 3:00 PM all held at Divine Mercy



Divine Mercy
 Sanctuary In memory of my beloved Parents & Sister, Angelo & Enrica & Jean Romano by Ann Romano
 Divine Mercy Special intentions for Jan by P.T.
 Divine Mercy God’s blessings & recovery for Msgr. Bocian by Pat & Leo Treshock
 Blessed Mother God’s blessings for Rita Sherakas on her birthday by Jenny & Murph
 Blessed Mother In loving memory of Florence B. Ference by Daughter, Kathy & family
 Blessed Mother In memory of Ray & Mildred Kendricks by Son
 Blessed Mother God bless you Shannon & Happy 26th Birthday by Grammy & Pop, Leo
 St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
 St. Joseph In memory of Karvois & Connell families by Marilyn Connell
 St. Joseph Good health & God’s blessings for Bob Pitts by Jenny & Murph
 St. Joseph In loving memory of Leonard Tunilla on his birthday in heaven by Wife, Theresa & family
 OLMC Special intentions by Ann Marnell Lehman
 OLMC Special intentions for John Kelly family

St. Casimir
 Sanctuary In loving memory of my Dad, George Rittle by Daughter, Maria
 Czestochowa In memory of our Parents, John & Kitty Baginski by Baginski family
 Divine Mercy In loving memory of Frank Macus by Fran & Maria
 Divine Mercy In loving memory of John McGuire by Wife, Peggy
 Divine Mercy In memory of John & Helen Pukavige by children
 Divine Mercy Special intentions for Christopher, Hope, Marc, Donna, Benjamin & Morgan
 Divine Mercy Prayers & good health for J.M., S.M., M.S., A.M., Z. S., T.S., R.G., G.M., L.B. & J. B.
 Divine Mercy For return of good health & God’s blessings for Marie “Cookie” Michalik by Dan & Diane Monlish
 Divine Mercy For Steve Kronkowski by M/M John M. Thomas
 Divine Mercy Special intentions by Louis & Donna Kowalski
 Divine Mercy Health & blessings for Msgr. Bocian by Domkus family
 Blessed Mother In loving memory of Joe & Joestelle by Wife/Mother
 Blessed Mother Happy 100th birthday to my Mom, Kitty Baginski 2/13/24 by Baginski family
 Blessed Mother Special intentions, in thanksgiving & good health for Msgr. Bocian, Stephen Bocian, George Huss, Estelle McLaren, Joann Pribish, Julie Buchinsky, Scarlet Henry, Jeff & Christa Beecroft
 Sacred Heart Special intentions by Mary Kufro
 Sacred Heart Special intentions for Christopher, Marc & Christa
 St. Anthony Special intentions for Christopher, Marc & Christa

Chapel
 Sanctuary In loving memory of Gino Bruni by Wife & Family
 Blessed Mother Prayers & good health for Emily Seigel by Uncle Ed & Aunt Kerri
 St. Joseph Special intentions by Msgr. B

SOMETHING FOR LENT

This Lent, you will have a golden opportunity on the Hallow App to journey through Father Walter Ciszeks' book, "He Leadeth Me." For as Father Mike Schmitz said, "He Leadeth Me is probably the most influential book that I've read in my life in the last twenty years, maybe my entire life. So if you want to read a book that will change your life ... It will change the way you look at God. It will change the way you look at your own life. It will change the way you pray." You will be able to even download the Hallow App for free for 3 months.

Holy Communion to the Homebound

If any parishioner is homebound in any way and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the parish office 462-1968 or Sr. Marietta 590-0435.

Tax Time is approaching us very quickly. Need a copy of your contribution sheet? Again, this year we will not be mailing out the contribution sheets to every parishioner of our parish. Therefore, if you would like a copy for tax purposes, it is necessary for you to call the parish office at 462-1968 in a request for your contribution sheet for 2023. We will mail this sheet directly to you.



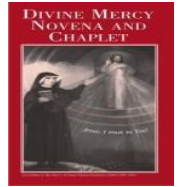
Bautismos Todos están invitados a bautizar a sus hijos. Aún si usted no está casado en la Iglesia se puede bautizar a su bebé. Sin embargo, le pedimos que seleccione una pareja que se casó en la Iglesia Católica para ser sus padrinos. Si un padrino / madrina es una persona soltera, él / ella puede convertirse 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 parroquia(108 W.Cherry St., Shenandoah. Teléfono 570 (4621968) para reservar fechas y rellenar formularios. El proceso es muy fácil.

What Are You Giving Up?



Divine Mercy Novena

will be recited every Sunday for nine weeks which began on Sunday, February 4th. The Divine Mercy pamphlet will be available in the church vestibule. The Novena will be recited before the Chaplet every Sunday.



Lenten Day of Prayer Wednesday, February 21st

8:00 AM immediately following 7:30 AM Mass to 6:00 PM - Chapel

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus - Philippians 4:6-7

“God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer.” – *Mother Teresa*

- 8:00 AM (Right after 7:30 AM Mass) to 6:00 PM - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration in Chapel



Holy Thursday

Thurs. 3/28	Mass of the Lord’s Supper	7:00 PM	Divine Mercy
	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament	7:45 – 8:30 PM	Divine Mercy

Good Friday

Friday 3/29	Confession	10-11AM	Divine Mercy
	Stations of the Cross	Noon	Divine Mercy
	Good Friday Services	3:00 PM	Divine Mercy
	Visitation of the Tomb	4-5 PM	Divine Mercy

Spanish - Veneration of the Cross, Stations, Reading of the Passion and Communion Service 5:00 PM Divine Mercy

Holy Saturday

Saturday 3/30	Blessing of Baskets	1:00 PM	Divine Mercy
	Holy Saturday Vigil Mass	8:00 PM	Divine Mercy

Holy Water will be available after the Easter Vigil Liturgy

Easter Sunday

Sunday 3/31	Easter Sunday Mass	7:30AM	Divine Mercy
	Easter Sunday Mass	10:00AM	Divine Mercy
	Easter Sunday Mass (en español)	12:30 PM	Divine Mercy



Divine Mercy Parish

Pierogies are available at the parish office

\$ 8.00 per dozen.

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.

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 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

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR

FEBRUARY 24TH & 25TH – ALL MASSES AT DIVINE MERCY

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM	Brophy,Marty	Mealia, Patrick	Blank,Name
7:30 AM	Daynorowicz,Nolan	Grochowski,Jennifer	Daynorowicz,Nolan
10:00 AM	Nowak,Cynthia	Phillips,Kathy	Estrada,Jose & Caesar

Celebrate God’s Goodness The Bernardine Franciscan Sisters invite you to their gala, Bernardine Bonanza, on Friday, March 8th to support their retired and infirm Sisters. To purchase tickets or for more information about this fun-filled event, held at Alvernia University’s Plex, visit www.bfranciscan.org or call Sr. Maria Bartos at 484-334-6815.



Easter Memorials & Easter Flower Memorials This year the booklet for the Easter Memorials and Easter Flower Memorials will be printed again by our bulletin company. You will find an envelope for each one in your packet of March envelopes. Dated: March 17th. **The deadline for having your Easter Memorials & Easter Flower Memorials sent to the office will be Monday, March 18th. All memorials must be sent to the publishing company early. Any memorials received after Monday, March 18th will NOT be included with the Easter Bulletin. They will be published in a later bulletin. Please keep in mind, this date may change. If any change, it will be published in bulletin.**

Do You Want a Memorial or Candle in Bulletin for Easter?
Please read the following for the deadline date.

All Information for Easter Sunday Bulletin Candles, memorials etc. will be due on Monday, March 18th. Any information received after that, will be published in a later bulletin.



January Lotto Winners

Jean Miller	1/8	\$25.00	#295	Day
Joan Madaffari	1/14	\$50.00	#121	Eve
Walter Shurko	1/14	\$50.00	#354	Day
Ed & Fran Domkus	1/18	\$50.00	#163	Eve
Flo Kaminsky	1/23	\$25.00	#232	Eve
Theresa Wilcosky	1/26	\$25.00	#198	Day
Sue Daugherty	1/27	\$50.00	#347	Day
Sharon Sadusky	1/30	\$50.00	#264	Eve



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

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

Next Franciscan Group: Thursday, March 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.



Welcome to Ivelisse Sophia Arriaga who was baptized on Sunday, February 4th. Ivelisse is the daughter of Yaniel Arriaga & Kiaritza M. Ortiz. May God bless her and keep her in His care.

Financial Report --January

Net January Income	\$ 48,610.16	Expenses	\$ 46,134.62
		Insurance	\$ 7,422.00
		Assessments	\$ 4,023.00
Total Income	\$ 48,610.16	Total Expenses	\$ 57,579.62
Expenses over income	\$ 8,969.52	This shows a loss of \$	8,969.52



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.

Our Lenten Obligation

Church law considers every Friday and the season of Lent as penitential days and times. The practice of penance is a part of our faith and Christian life. When we do penance, we imitate Jesus, who Himself recommended it as necessary to His followers, and gave them the example of His prayer and fasting.

The Lenten obligation, as determined for Catholics in the United States by our bishops, requires that fasting be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The law of abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Who must fast? All Catholics who are between the ages of 18 and 59. The obligation ceases when one begins his/her 60th year on his/her 59th birthday.

Who must abstain? All Catholics who are 14 years and older. **What does fasting mean?** The observance of fasting means that those obliged may take only one full meal on the day of fast. Two lighter meals (not equal to another full meal) may be taken to maintain strength according to one's needs. **What does abstinence mean?** The law of abstinence forbids the eating of meat, including poultry. Voluntary abstinence refers to refraining from lawful pleasures in a spirit of penance.

Can anyone be dispensed or excused from fast and/or abstinence? Individuals for a just cause may be dispensed by their pastor or by a priest with the faculty to do so. In our Diocese all priests may dispense individuals who are committed to their pastoral care. Those who are ill or have a similar serious reason are excused from the observance of fast and abstinence. Catholics are reminded that they should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation. **Are there other obligations which we should fulfill?** Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their "Easter Duty." They are required to receive Holy Communion during the Easter time. In the United States this obligation can be fulfilled from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday (February 18th until May 26th). Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins once a year. Catholics are also encouraged to make Lent a time of more intense prayer and to practice almsgiving and other works of charity. Parishes are encouraged to continue participation in Operation Rice Bowl.





Did You Change Your Address Lately?

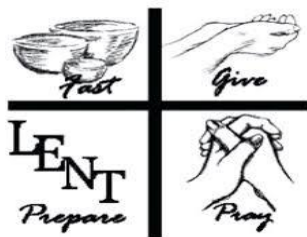
The parish office would like to ask our parishioners, if they have a change in their address, to please notify the parish office as soon as possible. Every time we send mail out and the address in incorrect, the parish must pay for this piece of mail. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



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



To everyone who attended our Coffee, cake & donut social on Sunday, February 11th. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.



Nuestra obligación de Cuaresma

La ley de la Iglesia considera todos los viernes y el tiempo de Cuaresma como días y horas de penitencia. La práctica de la penitencia es parte de nuestra fe y vida cristiana. Cuando hacemos penitencia, imitamos a Jesús, quien mismo lo recomendó como necesario a sus seguidores, y les dio el ejemplo de su oración y ayuno. La obligación de Cuaresma, según lo determinado por nuestros obispos para los católicos en los Estados Unidos, requiere que se observe el ayuno el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo. La ley de abstinencia debe observarse el Miércoles de Ceniza y todos los viernes de Cuaresma. **¿Quién debe ayunar?** Todos los católicos que tienen entre 18 y 59 años de edad. La obligación cesa cuando uno comienza los 60 años en su 59 cumpleaños. **¿Quién debe abstenerse ?** Todos los católicos mayores de 14 años. **¿Qué significa ayunar?** La observancia del ayuno significa que los obligados pueden tomar una sola comida completa el día de ayuno. Se pueden tomar dos comidas más ligeras (no equivalentes a otra comida completa) para mantener la fuerza de acuerdo con las necesidades de cada uno. **¿Qué significa abstinencia?** La ley de abstinencia prohíbe comer carne, incluidas las aves de corral. La abstinencia voluntaria se refiere a abstenerse de placeres legales en un espíritu de penitencia. **¿Qué significa abstinencia?** La ley de abstinencia prohíbe comer carne, incluidas las aves de corral. La abstinencia voluntaria se refiere a abstenerse de placeres legales en un espíritu de penitencia. **¿Puede alguien ser dispensado o excusado del ayuno y / o abstinencia?** Las personas por una causa justa pueden ser dispensadas por su párroco o por un sacerdote con facultad para hacerlo. En nuestra Diócesis, todos los sacerdotes pueden dispensar a personas comprometidas con su cuidado pastoral. Aquellos que estén enfermos o tengan una razón similar grave están exentos de la observancia del ayuno y la abstinencia. Se recuerda a los católicos que no deben excusarse a la ligera de esta obligación. **¿Hay otras obligaciones que debemos cumplir?** Los católicos están obligados a cumplir con lo que se ha llamado su "Deber Pascual". Deben recibir la Sagrada Comunión durante el tiempo de Pascua. En los Estados Unidos esta obligación se puede cumplir desde el primer domingo de Cuaresma hasta el domingo de la Trinidad (18 de febrero hasta el 26 de mayo). A los conscientes de un pecado grave se les recuerda la obligación de confesar sus pecados una vez al año. También se anima a los católicos a hacer de la Cuaresma un tiempo de oración más intensa y a practicar la limosna y otras obras de caridad. Se anima a las parroquias a seguir participando en la Operación Plato de Arroz.

Upcoming Events

St. Ambrose Church (201 Randel Street, Schuylkill Haven) will be having a Taize Prayer Service on Wednesday, February 28th at 6:30PM. During the Taize prayer experience, we gather with each other and in the presence of Jesus Christ to express our faith in word and song. We'll sing hymns of simple thoughts and few words, allowing us to rest in the mystery of God. For more information, please call the St. Ambrose office at 385-1031.

St. Ambrose Church (201 Randel Street, Schuylkill Haven) will be having a Holy Hour with John Paul Kasperowicz on Wednesday, March 13th at 6:30PM. John Paul, founder of the Ministry of the Single-hearted retreat and music ministry as well as Big Heart Harvest farming ministry, will lead us in prayer and reflection before our Eucharistic Lord. For more information, please call St. Ambrose at 385-1031.

Shenandoah Senior Citizens Bus Trip to Sights & Sound to see "Daniel" on July 11th. Lunch at Hershey Farms Cost: \$158.00 Need deposit \$25.00. For more information, please call 462-1344 and leave a message.

