



Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of March 3, 2024

Monday, March 4, 2024

7:30 AM DM Margaret Rolling by Sr. Patricia
2:00 - 4 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6-6:30 PM DM Confessions

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

7:30 AM DM Robert Zeplin
5-6:00 PM DM Confessions & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6-7:00 PM DM Stations of the Cross/Benediction

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

7:30 AM DM Charlotte Litwak by Granddaughter, Charlene & Family

Thursday, March 7, 2024

7:30 AM DM Joseph & Janine Dettery, William & Margaret Webb,
Bill Jr. & Chad Webb by Family

Friday, March 8, 2024

7:30 AM DM Gertrude Pitts by Karen McCarthy
2:30 PM DM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
3:00 PM DM Stations of the Cross/Benediction
6:30PM DM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 PM DM Stations of the Cross (En Espanol)

Saturday, March 9, 2024

7:30 AM DM Living & Deceased Members of Divine Mercy Parish
3:45 PM DM Divine Mercy Chaplet
4:00 PM DM Bernard & Carole Savakinas by Sister

Sunday, March 10, 2024

7:30 AM DM Margaret Maloney by Maloney Family
9:40 AM DM Divine Mercy Chaplet
10:00 AM DM Good Health & God's Blessings for the Knights of
Columbus of Ringtown/Shepton
12:30 PM DM Living & Deceased Priests – Diocese of Allentown
En Espanol

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. Amen.

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

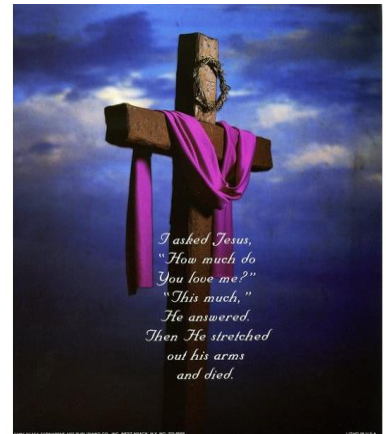
When: Every 1st Sunday of the month

Time: 3:00 PM

Where: St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish,
Mahanoy City

Divine Mercy Collections

2/25 – \$ 4,488.00



Others First

Most of us will never feel even a small part of the pain Jesus endured during his crucifixion. What is most amazing, however, is that Jesus was able to put aside his own incredible pain to think of others. From the Cross, he forgave his enemies, won the good thief's soul, made final arrangements for his mother's care, and prayed for his persecutors. He put others first. He asks that we do the same.

Divine Mercy Memorial Fund
Diane Kalyan
 \$10 Husband, Ron & family
Happy birthday in heaven, 3/6,
Eleanor V. Stanczyk, love & miss you
 \$10 Daughter, Lisa, Frank & families
Brian Rooney
 \$10 Debbie & Joe Laureti
 \$10 Alycia Laureti
Theresa Labosky
 \$20 Buchinsky & Pribish families
 \$10 Roseanne Malinoski
Robert Zeplin
 \$10 Anonymous
George Kosar
 \$10 Buchinsky & Pribish families
Michael Breslosky Sr.
 \$5 Catherine Toborowski
Judy Malinowski
 \$10 Pat & Leo T.
Special intentions
 \$5 Anonymous
Father Walter Ciszek Chapel Memorial Fund
Theresa Labosky
 \$10 Leo & Karen Kayes
 \$10 Mark & Melissa Mikita & daughters

Congratulations 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.



Easter Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed from noon on Wednesday, March 27th to Monday, April 1st for the Easter Holiday.
The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, April 2nd at 8:30 AM.

Divine Mercy Sunday Feast Day
 Our parish will have devotions in honor of Divine Mercy Sunday on **Sunday, April 7th beginning at 2:30 PM with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 PM and Litany of Mercy and ending with Benediction at Divine Mercy Church.**

Divine Mercy Sanctuary In memory of my beloved Parents & Sister, Angelo & Enrica & Jean Romano by Ann Romano
Divine Mercy In loving memory of Owen & Antoinette Monahan by Gino & Justine
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 Special intention
Divine Mercy In loving memory of Ginny Jurewicz – 8th anniversary by Rose Marie Jurewicz
St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
OLMC In memory of Robert & Anne Zeplin by Dorothy & Romolo
OLMC Special intentions for John Kelly family
OLMC Special intentions by Ann Marnell Lehman
Sacred Heart In loving memory of Rose & William Norris by Daughter, Cathy & family
Sacred Heart Special intentions by Mary Kufro

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
Czestochowa Good health & God’s blessings for Marie Michalik by husband, Michael Michalik
Divine Mercy In loving memory of Frank Macus by Fran & Maria
Divine Mercy Special intentions, God’s Blessings & happy birthday for Pat by Pat & Leo Treshock
Divine Mercy Special intentions for Christopher, Hope, Marc, Donna, Benjamin & Morgan
Divine Mercy In memory of John & Helen Pukavige by children
Divine Mercy In loving memory of John McGuire by Wife, Peggy
Divine Mercy Special intentions by Louis & Donna Kowalski
Blessed Mother In loving memory of Joe & Joestelle by Wife/Mother
Blessed Mother Special intentions, in thanksgiving & good health for Msgr. Bocian, Stephen Bocian, George Huss, Estelle McLaren, Joann Pribish, Julie Buchinsky, Scarlet Henry, Mary Lou Scardino & Christa & Jeff Beecroft
Blessed Mother Special intention for Maria Rittle by Mom
Blessed Mother In loving memory of Leo & Kitty Breznik by Son, Mickey
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



To an anonymous parishioner for their generous donation of \$1,000 to the parish. Your generosity and support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

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.



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.

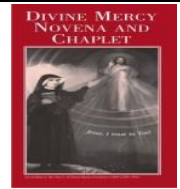
Tax Time is approaching us very quickly. Need a copy of your contribution sheet? Again, this year we will not be mailing out the contribution sheets to every parishioner of our parish. Therefore, if you would like a copy for tax purposes, it is necessary for you to call the parish office at 462-1968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

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.



Open Registration for the 2024-2025 Divine Mercy Pre-school Program

Under the Direction of Mrs. Sharon Tobin, B.A. Exceptional Child Study. Pre-school will be held at the Fr. Walter Ciszek Education Center (Trinity Academy), 233 W. Cherry Street, Shenandoah, PA 17976. Phone: 462-3927. ***Registration Fee for 2024-2025 is \$75.00.**



Children ages 3, 4 and 5 welcome for half and/or full day Pre-school classes Monday through Friday. Our Pre-school Program follows a modified Montessori method to prepare your child for the world of learning and his/her admission to Kindergarten. Attendance five days per week allows your child to benefit by participating in more of the learning opportunities provided.

Please call Sr. Patricia Mount at 462-3927 for more information or to request a registration packet. All community registrations began the week of February 20th.



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

MARCH 9TH & 10TH – ALL MASSES AT DIVINE MERCY

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM	Maskornick, Sherri	Brophy, Marty	Blank, Name
7:30 AM	Daynorowicz, Nolan	Grochowski, Jennifer	Daynorowicz, Nolan
10:00 AM	Nowak, Cynthia	Sadusky, Joseph	Donovan, Joseph

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.



Lenten Day of Prayer Wednesday, March 20th

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

Sign in sheets will be available in the vestibule closer to our Lenten Day of Prayer.

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.

We are asking that all Christmas flowers be removed from cemetery lots.



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.

SCHOOLS NEWS

Marian Catholic High

Information Session will be held on Monday, March 11th from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Tour the school with our Student Ambassadors and learn how to make a Marian education possible. Contact Mary Milosh with any questions at mmilosh@mariancatholicsh.org or 467-3335 ext. 117.

Get Personal With Jesus

The Easter season is a perfect time to develop, strengthen and deepen our friendship with Jesus. During this time of celebration, we can set goals that aim to deepen our knowledge and love of our Lord.

The Eucharist is the source. The best way to get close to Jesus is in the Holy Mass and by receiving Holy Communion. It is God's way of bringing us into communion with him.

Visit the confessional. Confession is a Sacrament that encourages us to take an honest look at the way we are living. Even Catholics who have been away from Confession will find that the best way to get a new beginning with Jesus off to a great start is to visit the confessional. Clean that slate! Begin anew.

Spend time with him. We can spend time reading inspirational books and blogs, and chatting on Catholic sites, but to develop a relationship with Jesus, we need face time with him. Adoration is one of the best ways to keep him company.

Easter as a Second Chance

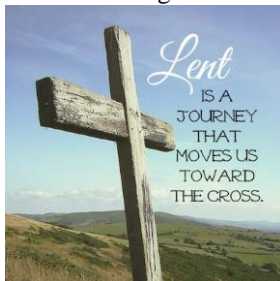
What if we could go back and undo all the misdeeds we regret from our past? Wouldn't it be freeing not to just be forgiven for our mistakes but to be able to make things so right it is as if they never happened? That is actually the nature of God's mercy. When Easter morning dawns, our new life begins and we start as new creations. Here's how to make the most of your second chance: Start off on the right foot: Go to Easter Mass and renew your baptismal promises. Take to heart your vow to renounce evil and embrace new life. Make an Easter resolution: Be a truly new creation. Keep all your good Lenten habits going after Easter. Take advantage of God's bad memory. God's perfect love means he does not bear grudges, keep track of wrongdoing.



Refocus in the Desert

Lent may be a time of penance and sacrifice but it doesn't have to be a time of sadness. In fact, the season brings an opportunity to become the people God created us to be. This time in our spiritual desert can be a chance to simplify, focus, and concentrate. **Simplify.** Look for areas in your life where there are excesses. When we have too much of something, it can take extra time to sort, store, and maintain the supply beyond what we need. For example, is your clothes closet packed too tightly? Is your pantry overstuffed? Can you clean out and give some gently used items to the poor? You'll spend less mental and physical energy if you keep only what you need. **Focus.** During Lent, we are called to spend more intentional time with God. To help, consider fasting from distractions. Limiting social media exposure, controlling time spent working, or turning off the cell phone for periods of time can help you find space to add more prayer and Scripture reading to your day. **Concentrate.** Avoid influences that pull you away from God. *"... But worldly anxiety, the lure of riches, and the craving for other things intrude and choke the Word, and it bears no fruit"* (Mark 4:19). Resolve to live a life that pleases God.

Why do Catholics Fast and Abstain?
In preparing to begin His public ministry, Jesus spent forty days and nights in the wilderness of the desert. In the starkness of the desert, He strengthened His connection to his Father. God's love was all Jesus needed.
Fasting and abstinence also help us strengthen our connection to God. They are ways of expressing sorrow for the ways we stray from God's friendship. By denying ourselves material comforts, we increase our dependence on God and our appreciation for His gifts.



Upcoming Events

HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE EASTER CANDY - Butter Cream, Coconut Cream or Peanut Butter Eggs - \$11.00 per box. *Sorry, no mixed boxes.* Proceeds benefit St. Patrick Parish – All orders are due by March 8th. To place an order, please call the Parish Office at 622-1802, ext 0. **Candy** may be picked up in our Parish Center (313 Mahantongo St., Pottsville) during the Palm Sunday Weekend Bake Sale - March 23rd from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM or March 24th from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM. All **candy** MUST be pre-ordered and pre-paid.

St. John the Baptist R.C. Church LENTEN DINNERS at St. John's Russell Building 9th & Schuylkill Ave., Pottsville will be held every Friday during Lent 4:00 PM to 7 PM (No dinner on Good Friday) **Menu is as follows:** Baked Haddock **OR** "Special Fish of the Week" includes: Macaroni and Cheese with Stewed Tomatoes **OR** Mashed Potatoes, Clam Chowder, Side Salad, Fresh Vegetable of the week, Roll, Beverage, Dessert. **The "Special Fish Options" are as follows:** March 8th: Stuffed Flounder with Lemon Butter March 15th: Herb and Panko Crusted Tilapia March 22nd: presently Baked Haddock only (may change) **Prices are as follows:** Adult meal with Fish \$18.00, Adult meal without Fish \$14.00, Child's meal with Fish \$10.00, Child's meal without Fish \$ 6.00. For more information, please call St. John's Rectory at 622-5470.

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.

The Shenandoah Valley Drama Club is proud to announce that this year's production will "Disney's The Little Mermaid." There will be two evening performances on Friday & Saturday April 26 & 27th at 7:00 PM and a Sunday Matinee on April 28th at 1:00 PM. Circle these dates on your calendar and join the SV Drama Club for this evening with Disney.

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.

Reasons to be Hopeful Right Now

It's hard not to worry these days with reports of viruses and financial concerns. Yet we in God's family have more reasons to be hopeful no matter how uncertain the world ... **God, our Father, knows what we need.** *"If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him"* (Matthew 7:11). He will take care of us when we trust him. **He can work miracles when we ask.** *"Know that the Lord works wonders for the faithful; the Lord hears when I call out"* (Psalm 4:4). *"Be strong and of good courage, do not fear ... for it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you"* (Deuteronomy 31:6). Just when life looks bleak, God can surprise us. **He will never abandon us.** *"You, Lord, are near to all who call upon you ..."* (Psalm 145:18). Know that he is always close.

SOMETHING FOR LENT

This Lent, you will have a golden opportunity on the Hallow App to journey through Father Walter Ciszek's 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.