



# Divine Mercy Parish

## Mass Schedule for the Week of March 10, 2024

### *Monday, March 11, 2024*

7:30 AM DM Anthony Sajone by Wife  
2:00 - 4 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
6-6:30 PM DM Confessions

### *Tuesday, March 12, 2024*

7:30 AM DM Rose Marie Mount by Sr. Patricia  
5-6:00 PM DM Confessions/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
6-7:00 PM DM Stations of the Cross/Benediction

### *Wednesday, March 13, 2024*

7:30 AM DM Annette Miscannon by Family

### *Thursday, March 14, 2024*

7:30 AM DM Edward Prosack by Wife, Lou Ann

### *Friday, March 15, 2024*

7:30 AM DM NO MASS  
2:30 PM DM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
3:00 PM DM Stations of the Cross  
6 – 7:00PM DM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
7:00 PM DM Stations of the Cross (En Espanol)

### *Saturday, March 16, 2024*

7:30 AM DM For All Those Buried In Our Cemeteries  
  
3:45 PM DM Divine Mercy Chaplet  
4:00 PM DM Helen Venusti 7th Anniversary of Death by Son, Thomas

### *Sunday, March 17, 2024*

7:30 AM DM Jack Wright by Charlotte & Dave Kriner  
9:40 AM DM Divine Mercy Chaplet  
10:00 AM DM Joseph & Anna Hardy by Daughter, Barbara  
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**

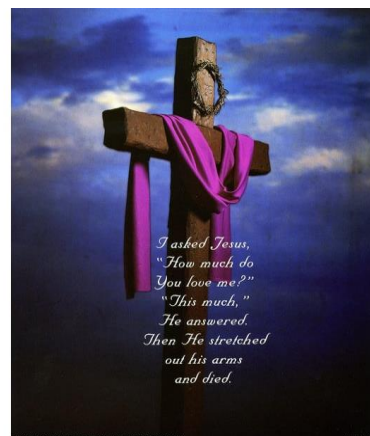
When: Every 1st Sunday of the month

Time: 3:00 PM

Where: St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Mahanoy City

### **Divine Mercy Collection**

3/3 – \$ 4,908.00



### **Hearing God's Voice**

It can be difficult to "hear" God's voice in today's world, but with some effort, we can learn to recognize it. Read a chapter of the Gospels and listen: a phrase may grab your attention or you may experience peace and joy. Remember, God often speaks to our hearts, not our ears.

*"So be imitators of God...and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us" (Ephesians 5:1).*

**Divine Mercy Memorial Fund**

**Diane Kalyan**  
\$10 Husband, Ron & family  
**Ann Kelly**  
\$10 Ed & Cindi Shafransky  
**Diane Kalyan**  
\$10 Ed & Cindi Shafransky  
**Walter Hall**  
\$10 Ed & Cindi Shafransky  
**Brian Rooney**  
\$10 Ed & Cindi Shafransky  
**Robert Zeplin**  
\$10 Ed & Cindi Shafransky  
**Robert & Anne Zeplin**  
\$20 Cathy & Al Bronk  
**Johnny Burns**  
\$5 Brother, Michael & family  
**Special intentions**  
\$5 Anonymous

**Father Walter Ciszek Chapel Memorial Fund**

**Ann Kelly**  
\$5 Terry & Mike Gilliam

**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**

**Sanctuary** In memory of my beloved Parents & Sister, Angelo & Enrica & Jean Romano by Ann Romano  
**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** Happy birthday & good health for Betty M. by Pat & Leo  
**Blessed Mother** Happy birthday Barbara Hardy by Jenny & Murph  
**Blessed Mother** Special intentions by John Catizone  
**Blessed Mother** In memory of Margaret “Margie” Maloney by Sharon  
**St. Ann** Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family  
**St. Ann** Happy birthday Charlotte by Jenny & Murph  
**St. Joseph** In loving memory of Hank Faleski by Wife, Julie  
**St. Joseph** In loving memory of our dear “Pop” Buchinsky by family  
**Pieta** For Msgr. Bocian and his intentions in honor of his priesthood anniversary by a parishioner  
**Sacred Heart** Good health & God’s blessings for Bill Creasy by Mother  
**Sacred Heart** Special intentions by Mary Kufro  
**OLMC** Special intentions by Ann Marnell Lehman  
**OLMC** Special intention for John Kelly family

**St. Casimir**

**Sanctuary** In loving memory of my Dad, George Rittle by Daughter, Maria  
**Czestochowa** In loving memory of Michalik, Mentel, Lenkaitis, Zelonis & Shirvinski families by Michael & Marie Michalik  
**Czestochowa** In memory of our Parents, John & Kitty Bagienski 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** Special intentions for Christopher, Hope, Marc, Donna, 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** Special intentions, in thanksgiving & good health for Msgr. Bocian, Stephen Bocian, George Huss, Estelle McLaren, Joann Pribish, Julie Buchinsky, Scarlet Henry, Christa & Jeff Beecroft  
**St. Faustina** Special intentions by Joan Madaffari  
**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 All Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers....**

**Do you have an email address?**

We are requesting that if you have an email address, your schedule will be emailed to you directly instead of by mail. Please notify the rectory with your email address so we can put it into our computer. Thank You!



**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.**



**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.

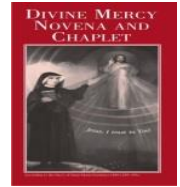
**Tax Time** is approaching us very quickly. Need a copy of your contribution sheet? Again, this year we will not be mailing out the contribution sheets to every parishioner of our parish. Therefore, if you would like a copy for tax purposes, it is necessary for you to call the parish office at 462-1968 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	<b>8:00 PM</b>	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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) o llamando al 800-276-1562

**WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR**

**MARCH 16TH & 17TH – ALL MASSES AT DIVINE MERCY**

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM	Lombard, Gina	Webb, Jackie	Hernandez, Omar
7:30 AM	Oravitz Fell, Marguerite	Selvocki, Joseph	Snitzer, Isabella
10:00 AM	Taylor, Anne	Phillips, Kathy	Estrada, Jose & Caesar



**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, April 4th 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](mailto:mmilosh@mariancatholicsh.org) or 467-3335 ext. 117.



**Mother's Day Spiritual Envelopes** are included in with your April envelopes. These mothers will be remembered in a special Mass on Mother's Day and also during the month of May. You may place more than one name on an envelope.

**The DMI Survey for the Next Generation Diocese Initiative is Live**

The Diocese of Allentown is embarking on an initiative that will invigorate the Church for the future. It has partnered with the Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI), a lay apostolate headquartered just outside of Philadelphia that inspires Catholic leaders to revitalize the Church for a Christ-filled and joy-filled future through a close accompaniment. The Diocese has started implementing CLI's Next Generation Diocese initiative, which will offer support for our Bishop, our priests, and our 78 parishes.

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To access the survey, follow the link [portal.catholicleaders.org](https://portal.catholicleaders.org) and find your parish. Then, click on the survey link for your individual parish.



**Three Ways to Make a Difference**

One in five people in the United States is Catholic. Imagine if we all worked together to make a difference. We can start by thinking differently.

**Walk in someone else’s shoes.**

Ask a friend whose culture or tradition is different from your own to teach you about it. Try cooking native dishes or learning some of the language. When you explore cultures different from your own, you become more sensitive to others’ perspectives. That helps you to be truly catholic (universal).

**Build up the Church.**

The Church is under attack and needs all of her members to come together in prayer and communion. Attending Mass more often is how we can strengthen our Church and grow in holiness as people and as a Church.

**Become an instrument of healing.**

People are hurting all around us and we can learn to notice others’ pain and to do something about it, just as Jesus asked. By modeling the healing qualities of Jesus – gentleness, forgiveness, sensitivity – we can learn to become healers, too.

**Why do Catholics Ask For Indulgences?**

Every sin has consequences.

Obtaining forgiveness through the Sacrament of Penance restores our friendship with God so that we can eventually go to Heaven, but we still must first suffer punishment for our sin.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC, 1471) says that through an indulgence, God grants the prayer of the Church that the temporal penalty for sin is reduced or even eliminated. For example, after certain actions and prayers, a plenary indulgence can remove the temporal punishment for sin.



**Upcoming Events**

**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 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.

**Mothers and their daughters (ages 9-13) are invited to attend a Mother Daughter Tea** on Sunday, April 28th from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall, 1046 W. Cedar St., Allentown! Speakers will present on the beauty of God’s gift of fertility, explain the physical and emotional changes girls experience, and share empowering tips on modesty, virtue, and personal style. The afternoon will feature lunch, games, and prizes. This event is being sponsored by the Diocese of Allentown’s *NFP Task Force* in partnership with the *Bishop’s Commission for Women*. The cost is \$25.00 per family. To register, required by April 7th visit <https://allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/152407> or contact Kristin Osenbach at [kosenbach@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:kosenbach@allentowndiocese.org) for more information.

**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.

**Golden Age Club of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta**, Mahanoy City is sponsoring a bus trip to Cape May, N.J. from May 21st to May 24th.... 4 days and 3 nights includes 3 nights at the Grand Hotel in Cape May, 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners, full day in Atlantic City, Trolley tour of Historic District, Cape May Zoo, Doo Wop tour in Wildwood, shopping at Washington Street Mall. For information, please call 773-1753.

