



Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of March 24, 2024

Monday, March 25, 2024

7:30 AM DM Rev. Charles Dene
2:00 - 4 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6-6:30 PM DM Confessions

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

7:30 AM DM Bill & Chad Webb by Jackie
5-6:00 PM DM Confessions/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6-7:00 PM DM Stations of the Cross/Benediction

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

7:30 AM DM Rudisill, Oliver & Swirsky Families by John & Marlene Rudisill

Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024

7:00 PM DM Living & Deceased Members of Divine Mercy Parish
7:45-8:30 PM DM Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday, March 29, 2024

10-11:00AM DM Confessions
Noon DM Stations of the Cross
3:00 PM DM Good Friday Services
4-5:00 PM DM Visitation of the Tomb
5:00 PM DM Veneration of the Cross, Stations, Reading of the Passion, & Communion Service (En Espanol)

Holy Saturday, March 30, 2024

1:00 PM DM Blessing of Easter Baskets
8:00 PM DM Living & Deceased Members of Divine Mercy Parish
Holy Water will be available after the Easter Vigil Liturgy

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

7:30 AM DM For All Those Who Are Remembered In Our Easter Memorials
10:00 AM DM For All Those Who Are Remembered In Our Easter Memorials
12:30 PM DM For All Those Who Are Remembered In Our Easter Memorials

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.

Important Phone Numbers

Divine Mercy Pre K
Sister Patricia Maureen Mount, IHM
570-462-3927
Divine Mercy PREP
Sister Mary Glackin, IHM
1-484-888-1358

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

3/17 – \$ 5,463.00



Thank You from Msgr. Bocian for the cards and good wishes for my 52nd anniversary in the priesthood on March 18th. I will continue to keep the parishioners and their families in my daily prayers. Thank you again.



From Msgr. Bocian & the parish office staff. We would like to wish everyone a very blessed and happy Easter.

Divine Mercy Memorial Fund

Ronald Gennarini
 \$100 Wife, Sally
 \$50 Angie & Joe Babatsky
 \$50 Beverly Gallagher
 \$25 Buchinsky & Pribish families
 \$20 M/M Nicholas Matino
 \$20 Maryann Bruni & family
 \$20 Frank Matino
 \$20 Betsy Bro
 \$20 Mary & Frank Avolio
 \$20 Al & Diane Bindie
 \$20 Jack & Pat Kershitsky
 \$20 Eileen & Yogi Buchinsky & family
 \$20 Ann Romano
 \$10 Theresa Kolonsky
 \$10 Anna & Bill Boychak
 \$10 Frank Bellelicri
 \$10 Tom & Diane Pavlosky
 \$10 Catizone family
 \$10 Gina & Jim Lombard
 \$10 Joe & Sue Kriger
 \$10 Steve & Brad Oravitz
 \$10 Dorothy & Romolo Laureti
 \$10 Peter Ulicny
Wally “Poppy” Hall
 \$5 Ray Kendricks
Michael Cooney
 \$10 Ray Wisniewski
Josephine Matino Boyle
 \$20 Maryann Matino
John Matino - 1st anniversary of death
 \$20 Wife, Maryann Matino
Special intentions
 \$5 Anonymous

Father Walter J. Ciszek Memorial Fund

John Macknis
 \$20 SHS Class of 1958 & Ray Wisno
Justine “Ciszek” Richards
 \$20 Ray Wisno & SHS Class of 1958



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.
Blessed Mother In memory of Evelyn Hollenbach by Mikita family
Blessed Mother In loving memory of Joseph “Chow” Maloney – 100th birthday in Heaven by Maloney family
St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
OLMC In memory of Joseph Laureti by Dorothy & Romolo
OLMC Special intentions by Ann Marnell Lehman
Sacred Heart Special intentions by Mary Kufro

St. Casimir

Sanctuary In memory of Ted Guzinski by Terry & Joe Richardson
Czestochowa In memory of our Parents, Kitty & John F. 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 by Louis & Donna Kowalski
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 Michalik, Mentel, Zelonis, Lenkaitis, Shirvinski & Collins families by Michael & Marie Michalik
Divine Mercy Recovery for Sandy Gera by Ed & Fran Domkus
Divine Mercy In loving memory of Michael Ference by Daughter, Kathy & family
Divine Mercy Recovery for Richard Mader by Ed & Fran Domkus
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
Sacred Heart In loving memory of my Dad, George Rittle by Daughter, Maria
Sacred Heart Special intentions for Christopher, Marc & Christa
St. Anthony Special intentions for Christopher, Marc & Christa
St. Anthony Missing my Parents, Anthony & Helene Seroka by Daughter, Janet Lukashunas

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

Congratulations to our Schuylkill County Dean

Catholic Charities Annual Gala will be held on April 14th at 2:00 PM at DeSales University, Center Valley, PA. Honoring: **Very Rev. Msgr. William Glosser** & Anthony & Evelyn Carfagno. Special: \$75.00 for ticket for residents of Schuylkill County. For more information, please call 610-435-1541 or email catholiccharities@allentowndioocese.org.

“Fund Raising Highlights”

Thank you to all who attended our re-organizational meeting. Please note that we are in need of younger parishioners to assist our group. Our main focus was to discuss and commit to participating in the Shenandoah Kielbosi Festival/Heritage Day as our first fundraiser for the year. Many new ideas were also discussed and a special thanks to everyone for their input going forward.

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.**

“Come to Celebrate the Parish Feast”

Coffee & Cake Social

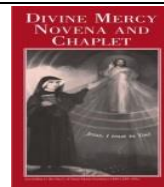
On April 7th, Divine Mercy Sunday, our Parish Feast Day, Come and join us after the 10:00 AM Mass for parish fellowship, and coffee/cake in Trinity School Hall. There is no cost, but a small donation is greatly appreciated.

Tax Time is approaching us very quickly. Need a copy of your contribution sheet, please call the office.

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 (462)968) 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	12:30 PM	Divine Mercy

(en español)



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

HOLY WEEK & MARCH 30TH & 31ST– ALL MASSES AT DIVINE MERCY

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
Holy Thursday 7:00 PM	Oravitz Fell, Marguerite	Engle, Lillian	Donovan, Joseph
Good Friday 3:00 PM	Taylor, Anne Nowak, Cynthia Twardzik, Joann	Domkus, Frances	Estrada, Jose & Caesar
Holy Saturday 8:00 PM	Daynorowicz, Nolan Brophy, Marty Grochowski, Jennifer Maskornick, Sherri	Elchisak, Michele	Daynorowicz, Nolan
Easter Sunday 7:30 AM	Oravitz Fell, Marguerite	Bronk, Cathy	Snitzer, Isabella
Easter Sunday 10:00 AM	Twardzik, Pam	Twardzik, Thomas	Rakus, Evan

March – May Schedules are also available on Website... dmparish.com



A note from the Parish Office: If you switch with someone for a specific weekend, we ask that you please notify the office. Thank you!

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!



St. Joseph Center for Special Learning is hosting its 33rd Annual Golf Classic tournament on May 17th at Mountain Valley Golf Course. Sponsor and/or join us for an adventurous day of food, fellowship and, of course... golf! For more information, please visit www.stjosephctr.com or call 622-4638.

CEMETERY INFORMATION NEEDED.....

We are having difficulty finding out who the contact person is for each lot in our 14 cemeteries. We are asking that if can please fill out the form below and return it to the parish office.

Cemetery: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____



Next Prayer Group will meet at the Father Ciszek Center on **Thursday, April 4th at 6:30 PM.**
Next Bible Group: Thursday, April 11th at 6:30 PM at the Father Ciszek Center.
Next Franciscan Group: Thursday, April 18th at 6:30 PM at the Father Ciszek Center.
 For more information, call Sr. Marietta 590-0435 or the parish office 462-1968.

Financial Report --February

Net February Income	\$ 38,197.13	Expenses	\$ 31,788.84
		Insurance	\$ 7,422.00
		Assessments	\$ 4,023.00
Total Income	\$ 38,197.13	Total Expenses	\$ 43,233.84
Expenses over income	\$ 5,036.71	This shows a loss of \$	5,036.71

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.**



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.

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.



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 and find your parish. Then, click on the survey link for your individual parish.

Choose New Life at Easter

"... I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice, and cleaving to him; for that means life to you and length of days ..." (Deuteronomy 30:19-20).

When the Israelites were poised to enter the land God had promised them, Moses wanted all to understand what was at stake. He didn't want them to just enter the Promised Land, Moses wanted them to remain there with God's blessing. So Moses put the choice facing all of God's people in the clearest possible terms. When we choose to follow God, we choose life over death.

The choice is still ours. We can say "yes" or "no" to God's love. While our choices lead to consequences, it is still up to us.

When we live within God's laws, we choose life. Honesty over lies and deceit, self-control over sinful pleasure, generosity over selfishness. This is how we choose new life with God.

Am I Wrong to Have Doubts?

There is good doubt and bad doubt. Bad doubt that says, “I won’t believe this unless you prove it,” can become sinful and should be avoided. Good doubt (“I’m struggling to understand this”) is a sign you’re ready to go deeper into the faith.

Sometimes doubts arise from genuine or incomplete understanding of Church teaching. Archbishop Fulton Sheen famously said, “There are not one hundred people in the United States who hate The Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they wrongly perceive the Catholic Church to be.” With questions, turn to the Catechism, reference the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org), ask your priest. If, after all that, something still doesn’t make sense, then it really is a mystery and that’s the point at which we humbly allow Christ to conform our ways of thinking to His (not the other way around). Entrust everything to God, and He will resolve it, in His own way, in His own time.



Assumption BVM School is looking for dynamic and dedicated team players to join our teaching staff!
Come make a difference in the lives of youth!
Email eschoepflin@assumptionbvmschool.net for details.

Save the date! Open House Sunday, May 19th -- noon – 2:00 PM! Register today for 2024/2025 - limited spaces remain in some classes!



Upcoming Events

DRAMATIC STATIONS OF THE CROSS PRESENTATION St. John the Baptist Church, 10th & Mahantongo Sts. Pottsville, is presenting their Annual Dramatic Stations of the Cross on Palm Sunday, March 24th at 7:30 PM in the main church. Doors open at 6:30 PM. All are welcome!

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 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.

ONLINE giving



Divine Mercy Parish has on-line giving. It is very simple to use. All you have to do is go to our website: dmparish.com and click on the link for on-line giving. You can choose to make a onetime gift, recurring gift (weekly, monthly) or you can make a pledge and pay the pledge off in installments by credit card. Your credit card would get charged accordingly to the gift and time frame chosen. You are also able to give to a second collection.

February Lotto Winners

Alice Palek	2/4	#387	day	\$50
Rosemarie Jurewicz	2/6	#395	eve	\$50
JR & Donna Kowalski	2/9	#433	day	\$25
Annette Creasy	2/13	#469	day	\$50
Joan Zancusky	2/18	#440	eve	\$50
B.A. Bugden	2/21	#533	day	\$25
Bob & Joan Racis	2/23	#508	eve	\$25
John & Louise Kelly	2/25	#397	day	\$50
Louise Gervalis	2/26	#466	day	\$25

