



Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of May 5, 2024

Monday, May 6, 2024

7:30 AM DM **Charlotte Litwak** by Granddaughter, Charlene & Family
2-4:00 PM Chapel **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
6-6:30 PM DM **Confessions**

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

7:30 AM DM **Georgette Moyer** by Family

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

7:30 AM DM **Violet Stankiewicz** by Daughters
5:30 PM DM **Alice Oshman** by Rosemary Beaver

Ascension Thursday, May 9, 2024

7:30 AM DM **Clarence Zubowicz** by Sherry & Tom Squierdo
6:00 PM DM **PREP Mass**

Friday, May 10, 2024

7:30 AM DM **Mary & William Sherakas** by Daughter-In-Law, Rita
2-4:00 PM Chapel **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Saturday, May, 11 2024

7:30 AM DM **Cioci Helen Wiskierski & Mother, Julia Garber** by Janet

3:40PM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

4:00 PM DM **For All The Mothers Whose Names Are Placed On Our Altar**

Sunday, May 12, 2024

7:30 AM DM **For All The Mothers Whose Names Are Placed On Our Altar**

9:40 AM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

10:00 AM DM **For All The Mothers Whose Names Are Placed On Our Altar**

12:30 PM DM **For All The Mothers Whose Names Are Placed On Our Altar**

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 Collections

4/28 - \$ 4,731.00

Mark your calendars for our summer food sale: July 12th, 13th and 14th.

Office will be closed on Thursday, May 9th for Ascension Thursday. Office will reopen on Monday, May 13th at 9:30 AM.



Our office will be closed on Friday, May 24th and Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day.

The office will reopen on Tuesday, May 28th at 8:30 AM.

Divine Mercy Memorial Fund
Loving memory of Diane M. Kalyan
 \$10 Husband, Ron & family
Paul (Peckles) Gardinsky
 \$25 M/M Edward Madden
Maria Curreli
 \$10 Pat & Leo Treshock & family
Michael Pietkiewicz
 \$10 Pat & Leo Treshock & family
 \$5 Maria Rittle
Dolores T. (Radzavage) Bykowski
 \$25 Daniel Herring & family
Ed Chesnavage
 \$5 Nieces & family
Frank Selgrade
 \$10 Cathy & Al Bronk
Mary Ann Pronio
 \$10 Cathy & Al Bronk
Larry J. Straka, Jr.
 \$10 Walukiewicz Oravitz Fell F. H.
 \$10 Aunt Jenny & Uncle Murph
Special intentions
 \$5 Anonymous



Rosary -- Our Lady of Fatima will be held on Monday, May 13th at 7:00 PM in Our Lady of Fatima Cemetery at the Grotto. Fatima Rosary will be said on the 13th of every month until October.

Thank You!

On Behalf of the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters at St. Joseph Villa we would like to extend a special thank you to the parishioners of Divine Mercy Parish for their donations made to the memorial fund in memory of Sister Edna Cylwick. Your thoughtfulness and prayers are most appreciated. May the memories of Sister Edna that you hold in your heart comfort you as you live your life in Christ.

THANK YOU!

To Our Lady of Guadalupe for their generous donation of \$ 500.00 to Divine Mercy Parish. Your generosity and support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

Devotional Candles

Divine Mercy

Sanctuary In memory of my beloved Parents & Sister, Angelo & Enrica & Jean Romano by Ann Romano
Divine Mercy Good health & God's blessings for Msgr. Bocian by Louise Heckard
Blessed Mother In memory of Tommy Zarcufsky by Aunt Nikki
Blessed Mother Good health & God's blessings for Theresa Paruch on her birthday 5/15
Blessed Mother In memory of Cookie Meier by Sisters, Pat & Elaine
St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
Sacred Heart In loving memory of my Son, William Creasy by Mother, Annette
OLMC Special intentions by Ann Marnell Lehman
OLMC Special intention for John Kelly family
St. Joseph In memory of Joseph Lapatovich on our 44th anniversary 5/3 by wife

St. Casimir

Sanctuary In memory of Ray Karpovich by Brother-in-law, Al Majewski
Divine Mercy In loving memory of Frank Macus by Fran & Maria
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 Health & God's blessings for Aurele Von Leer by Dolores Micko
Divine Mercy Special intentions for Christopher, Hope, Benjamin, Morgan, Marc & Donna
Divine Mercy God's blessings for 66 years of marriage by Ed & Fran
Divine Mercy Successful surgery for Teri Laursevage by Ed & Fran Domkus
Divine Mercy Special intentions by Louis & Donna Kowalski
Blessed Mother In loving memory of Joe & Joestelle by Wife/Mother
Blessed Mother In memory of John & Helen Pukavige by children
Blessed Mother In loving memory of John McGuire by Wife, Peg
Blessed Mother In memory of Theresa Glowacki & Susan Zubowicz by Cousin, Al Majewski
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
Blessed Mother Thank you for 45 years of Heaven ... happy anniversary Trish – love Gene
St. Anthony Special intentions for Christopher, Marc & Christa
Sacred Heart In loving memory of my Dad, George Rittle by Daughter, Maria
Sacred Heart Special intentions for Christopher, Marc & Christa
Sacred Heart Happy birthday Jules & God's blessings on your 90th by Pat & Leo

Chapel

Sanctuary Special intentions by Msgr. B
Blessed Mother Prayers & good health for Emily Seigel by Uncle Ed & Aunt Kerri
St. Joseph Special intentions by Msgr. B

St. Casimir Church will reopen on Sunday, June 16th

Weekend Mass will be said every Sunday at 7:30 AM & 10:00AM

Funerals & Weddings will also be said at St. Casimir

Divine Mercy Church will remain open

Daily Mass will be said .. Monday through Saturday 7:30 AM

**Weekend Mass will be said every Saturday at 4:00 PM
 & Spanish Mass on Sunday at 12:30 PM**

Funerals & Weddings will also be said at Divine Mercy

Final Meeting for Heritage

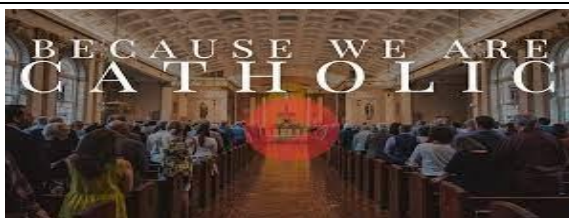
Day/Kielbasi Festival will be on Tuesday, May 14th at 6:30 PM at Trinity Academy. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Do You Know of a graduate from Grade School, High School, Trade School or College? We ask that you please notify the parish office with their name and all the names will be published in a future bulletin.

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.

Speak the truth

Do you speak out against injustice or sin? Yes, you may be called “intolerant” for sharing Gospel truths but tolerance doesn’t render truth untrue. In fact, saying nothing can be worse. Christ is clear: *“When your brother sins, rebuke him and when he repents, forgive him”* (Luke 17:3).



The 2024 **Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal** is underway! Our parish support is a vital part of this Diocesan-wide effort to serve children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. You can scan the QR code and make your gift today at ww.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org. Thank you!

Anuncio para el boletín de la Campaña Anual Porque Somos Católicos ¡La Campaña Anual 2024 **Porque Somos Católicos** ya está en marcha! Nuestro apoyo parroquial es una parte vital de este esfuerzo diocesano para servir a los niños y a las familias en nuestra propia comunidad y a lo largo de toda la Diócesis de Allentown. Pueden escanear el código QR y hacer su donación hoy en www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org. ¡Gracias!

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 Cizek 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.



Father’s Day Spiritual Envelopes are included in with your May envelopes. These fathers will be remembered in a special Mass on Father’s Day and also during the month of June. You may place more than one name on an envelope.



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.

Love in Action

When we see others suffering, we might think, “The Church should do something.” Yet as members of the Church, it’s our job to take action and share Christ’s love. We can be a listening ear, a helping hand, or an encouraging voice to someone in need. Whatever it is, the Church can always “do something.”

“A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh” (Ezekiel 36:26).

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



Easter Totals Thank you to everyone for their donations. It is greatly appreciated.
 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024
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**WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR
MAY 11TH & 12TH ALL MASSES AT DIVINE MERCY**

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM	Lombard,Gina	Heckard,Louise	Hernandez,Omar
7:30 AM	Oravitz Fell,Marguerite	Grochowski,Jennifer	Snitzer,Isabella
10:00 AM	Taylor,Anne	Domkus,Frances	Rakus,Evan

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning in Pottsville 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.

Payments for Parish Funerals

Funeral fees must be paid 24 hours prior to the burial. We ask that the family of the deceased come to the parish office and pay directly to the church. Please make no payment to the funeral directors. If payment is not received within 24 hours of burial, there cannot be any burial in the parish cemetery. Also, all Lot Care (Perpetual Care/Cemetery Care) must be current including current burial.

Accept God’s Gifts Without Fear

Have you ever held back from accepting all of God’s blessings and gifts because you were afraid to surrender to his goodness? Yet there is no good reason not to. *“Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you righteous; exult, all you upright of heart”* Psalm 32:11. **Enjoy the world around you.** God reveals himself through his creation so we can know him, be amazed by him, and love him. Imagine how he feels when we overlook or reject it. Instead, take time to notice and meditate upon what God’s creation tells you about him. **Recapture joy.** God has given each of us gifts to be enjoyed – people who love us, fulfilling activities, steady jobs or comfortable homes. Enjoy these gifts given from a loving Father without worry of a later price.

Laugh at yourself. Humor invites us to examine life in a different way and to find delight in it. Avoid treating your life too seriously. Becoming more lighthearted will make it easier for you to trust God. **Look to what’s right instead of what’s wrong.** Don’t let bad feelings drive out good ones. For example, we often miss the “angels” God sends because they don’t take the form we expect. Know that God’s goodness is all around but you have to learn to recognize and appreciate it.



Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 5, 2024

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

Next Bible Group: Thursday, May 9th at 6:30 PM at the Father Ciszek Center.

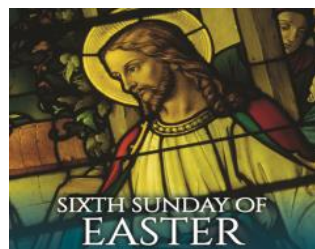
Next Franciscan Group: Thursday, May 16th at 6:30 PM at the Father Ciszek Center.

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 --March

Net March Income	\$ 34,312.18	Expenses	\$ 40,226.26
		Insurance	\$ 7,422.00
		Assessments	\$ 4,023.00
Total Income	\$ 34,312.18	Total Expenses	\$ 45,757.18
Expenses over income	\$ 5,530.92	This shows a loss of \$	5,530.92



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..

Works of Mercy

The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are actions we can perform that extend God's compassion and mercy to those in need.

The Corporal Works of Mercy are these kind acts by which we help our neighbors with their material and physical needs.

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the sick
- Visit the imprisoned
- Bury the dead

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are acts of compassion, as listed below by which we help our neighbors with their emotional and spiritual needs.

- Counsel the doubtful
- Instruct the ignorant
- Admonish sinners
- Forgive offenses
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Pray for the living and the dead

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!

A 3-Step Cure for Stress

St. Paul knew stress. He spent time in prison and exile, experienced frustration and conflict. His advice? *"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 4:4-7).

"Have no anxiety at all." Step 1 – Rid yourself of worry. There is a difference between concern, which leads us to take steps to be prepared, and worry, which produces nothing but stress.

"Make your requests know to God." Step 2 – Carry everything to God in prayer. St. Paul added the phrase, "with thanksgiving," to remind us to put our trust completely in the Lord to provide for us.

"The peace of God ... will guard your hearts and minds." Step 3 – Keep your mind on God and experience his peace. The perfect peace that only God can give will come to those who keep their minds and hearts focused on Jesus.

**Heritage Day May 18, 2024
Will be combined with Kielbosi
Festival**

The Lithuanian Contingent for Heritage Day & The Parade of Nations set for May 18th is extending an invitation to men, women & children with some Lithuanian Heritage to participate. No costume is necessary & people do not need to be Shenandoah residents to participate. Please join & preserve your heritage. Heritage Day & The Parade of Nations are sponsored by the Revitalization Group – Downtown Shenandoah, Inc. If interested in marching in the parade, please contact the parish office at 462-1968.

“Calling All Slovaks” Heritage Day is approaching us fast – May 18th and we are looking for all men, women and children to participate in the Parade of Nations. Be proud of your heritage and march with your Slovak friends. If you are unable to march we may be able to provide a car in order for you to participate. For further information, please call the parish office at 462-1968.

Show Your Polish Pride and Join Us we are asking children and adults to participate with our Polish Contingent in the Shenandoah Heritage Day Parade on Saturday, May 18th. Your willingness to march with us will be greatly appreciated. Feel free to contact the rectory about attire, etc. Our Polish group will line-up at 9:30 AM on North Jardin Street. We hope to continue marching with our Shenandoah Heritage Parade with your cooperation.

Why Religion? Religion is the bond which unites us to God. To neglect our Catholic faith is like refusing food or rest that keep your body healthy and functioning. Nurturing our Catholic faith is necessary for the eternal life of our souls.

Always Hope

Sin and negative thinking go hand in hand. We lose hope and think God isn't watching or doesn't care. Thinking positively and hopefully helps to avoid sin. Thanks be to God for second chances!

Upcoming Events

Dine In or Take Out Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by St. Patrick Church Sunday, May 5th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM (or sell out), 313 Mahantongo Street, Pottsville.... Spaghetti platter includes pasta with our homemade sauce, two meatballs, a salad, and bread. Cost is \$11.00 per platter. Extra meatballs and/or sauce available for purchase.

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.

**Divine Mercy Parish at
Heritage Day/Kielbosi Festival
May 18, 2024**

**Again, our parish will have a stand for Heritage Day/
Kielbosi Festival**

**Menu: Sausage Hoagies with onions & peppers, Bundookies
(Meatballs), Haluskie, Coffee, Water & Heavenly Desserts**

**Come and join us for a fun filled day and be proud of your heritage and
support your parish and other vendors.**

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 on Stone: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____



Divine Mercy Parish Homemade Pierogies
are now available. Cost: \$ 8.00 per dozen.



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Why Do Catholics Pray?

Prayer is our response to God's invitation: “Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), #2560*). That encounter is our connection to God, who created us and wants to have a close, personal relationship with us. Our relationship with Him is nurtured and strengthened through prayer. It is through prayer that we come to know and love Him best.