



Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of July 7, 2024

Monday, July 8, 2024

7:30 AM DM **In Loving Memory of My Parents, Albin & Helen Zancusky** by Daughter, Joan
6 – 6:30 PM DM **Confessions**

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

7:30 AM DM **John McGuire** by Wife, Peg

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

7:30 AM DM **Chester & Teresa Bronk** by Nephew, Al & Family
1-4:00 PM Chapel **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Thursday, July 11, 2024

8:00 AM DM **In Honor of OLMC & In Memory of Alice Shearstone** by Michael & Mary Alice Gualtier

Friday, July 12, 2024

8:00 AM DM **In Honor of OLMC & In Memory of Michael, Mary & Ricky Gualtier** by Michael & Mary Alice Gualtier

Saturday, July 13, 2024

8:00 AM DM **In Honor of OLMC & In Memory of George Beaver** by Michael & Mary Alice Gualtier

3:40PM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
4:00 PM DM **Edward Michalik – 60th Wedding Anniversary** by Wife, Catherine

Sunday, July 14, 2024

7:30 AM SC **Tancredi & Bruni Families** by Cindy Tancredi
9:40 AM SC **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
10:00 AM SC **Diane Donovan** by Charlotte & Dave Kriner
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.

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

Will be announced at a later time!

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

FR. WALTER J. CISZEK CHAPEL NEW ADORATION HOURS

Due to the lack of attendance in our Chapel on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday, we are setting a new time for adoration.

**Every Wednesday Only
from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.**

Divine Mercy Memorial Fund
Loving memory of Diane M. Kalyan
 \$10 Husband, Ron & family
Sgt. John Joseph McGauley
 \$25 Sally Schwegert
 \$25 Peter & Ann Bolusky
Special intentions
 \$5 Anonymous



From Msgr. Bocian
 Thank you to all the parishioners and non-parishioners of Divine Mercy for their prayers, candles, cards and good wishes during my recent surgery. I will continue to keep all of you in my daily prayers.

Communion... Shut Ins

As you know, Sister Marietta's Ministry in our parish ends June 30th as she is moving to Reading. Therefore, please be patient with us as we get our Eucharistic Ministers ready to come to your home as they will have to complete their requirements. If you have any questions, please call the office and we will try our best to serve you.



To Msgr. Bocian, Pastor in Shenandoah since July, 2001. We wish Msgr. the very best of health and many more years as Pastor of our parish.

The parish office will be closed on Thursday, July 11th due to our food sale. The office will reopen on Monday, July 15th at 9:30 AM.



Devotional Candles

Divine Mercy

Sanctuary In memory of my beloved Parents & Sister, Angelo & Enrica & Jean Romano by Ann Romano
Blessed Mother In loving memory of our Sister/Aunt, Margie Maloney on her 68th birthday in heaven 7/3/24 by Maloney & Velousky families
St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
St. Joseph In loving memory of Hank Faleski by Wife, Julie
St. Joseph In loving memory of our Dear "Pop" Buchinsky by Family
Jesus Crucified May God bless & protect Msgr. Bocian during his surgery & recovery by Eve Bauser, Helen Thomas & Jane Paul

St. Casimir

Sanctuary In memory of Henry & Joanne Jachimczyk on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary by Son, Henry Jr.
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 In memory of my Grandmother, Vera Rittle by Granddaughter, Lisa Rittle
Sacred Heart In memory of Joseph Majewski on his birthday by Son, Albert
Sanctuary In loving memory of my Dad, George Rittle by Daughter, Maria

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



Cakes or any type of baked items are needed for our food sale. Please call the office if you are able to donate.

What to do About Loneliness?

"The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone'" (Genesis 2:18). God intends for us to share our lives with others. Despite this, everyone experiences loneliness. It is tempting to avoid the painful feelings but try these ideas instead. **When in need of love, give it yourself.** Loneliness makes us turn inward, focusing on our own pain. To help relieve that pain, think instead of others. Our own pain can help us recognize others in pain and inspires us to reach out. **Become a loving presence in lonely places.** Jesus said, *"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ..."* (Matthew 25:35-36). Homeless shelters, soup kitchens, hospitals, and nursing homes can be lonely places. Take up or join a ministry that brings God's presence to people there whenever you can. **Be active in your parish.** If you don't have a church home, join the parish where you attend Mass. If you already belong, volunteer for a parish ministry. **Tell God all about it.** The feeling of being alone is disheartening but followers of Christ know we are never alone. Spend time each day with Scripture to get to know God well. Then talk to him as your closest friend.



Don't Forget About Our WEBSITE!



Divine Mercy Parish now has a website: www.dmparish.com. It consists of the weekly bulletin, upcoming events, Lector, Eucharistic Minister & Altarserver Schedules, Parish Fundraisers, Chapel hours and much more. Why not go on to your computer and take a look at it. Again, it is www.dmparish.com

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 www.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!



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.



The Shenandoah Valley School District would like to announce the free summer lunch program which will begin June 10th and run until August 9th. Closing the week of July 1st through July 5th for the holiday and will reopen July 8th. A lunch will be served Monday through Friday at 11:00 AM till 12:30 PM at the Shenandoah Valley Elementary Cafeteria. It is free to all children 18 and under regardless of race, color, national origin, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, age or disability and there will be no discrimination in the course of the program. We will continue to keep you informed if there are any changes. If you have any questions, you can contact Theresa Knipe, Cafe Manager at 462-1950 or knipt@svbluedevils.org.



Rosary -- Our Lady of Fatima will be held on Saturday, July 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.

BAA Goal Report

- Parish Goal: \$15,332.00
- Total Committed: \$14,289.00
- Total Collected: \$14,019.00
- Number of Donors: 102
- Average Gift: \$140.09
- # of Registered Families: 2224

Live a Catholic Life

Our history is rich with Catholic men and women like us who have carried their faith into the world and made a difference. When we live a Catholic life, we help shape a better society and a more peaceful world.

At home. Our Gospel values guide us to value our families and friends as gifts of God’s love. This translates into spending time together, working to strengthen and build up our loved ones, and being for them instruments of love.

At work. As people of faith, we can be pressured to choose between competing values in the workplace. Making Catholic choices means not just avoiding evil but consciously choosing good. It means having the courage to honor our Catholic consciences always.

In the world. “Everyone to whom much is given, of him will much be required” (Luke 12:48). Catholics – especially in the United States – are called to care for the poor, protect the vulnerable, welcome the stranger and treat all people with dignity. That is the true Catholic way.



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 JULY 13TH & 14TH

| Mass Time | Lector | Eucharistic Minister | Altar Server |
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| 4:00 PM @ DM | Maskornick, Sherri | Mealia, Patrick | Hernandez, Omar |
| 7:30 AM @ SC | Daynorowicz, Nolan | Grochowski, Jennifer | Daynorowicz, Nolan |
| 10:00 AM @ SC | Twardzik, Pam | Twardzik, Thomas | Rakus, Evan |

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.

Information for PREP Registration

Registration for Divine Mercy Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) 2024-2025

Registration for the 2024-2025 Parish Religious Education Program will take place in the cafeteria of the Divine Mercy Parish Center located at 233 West Cherry Street, directly across the street from Divine Mercy Church. This program is for all children in grades 1 to 8 who belong to Divine Mercy Parish. Please come to register on the following days and times.

You need to be registered in Divine Mercy Parish before you can register for PREP.

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| Monday, July 22nd | Tuesday, July 23rd | Wednesday, July 24th |
| Thursday, July 25th | | |
| 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM | 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM |
| Sunday, July 28th from 1:30 – 3:00 PM | | |

If your child is new to our program, please bring a **copy of your child’s Baptismal Certificate.**

The fee for the program is \$50.00 for one child. \$90.00 for two or more children.

Registration fee is due when you register. If you need financial aid speak with Sister Mary.

Classes will take place on the following evenings from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Grades 1 to 6 – Thursdays beginning on **September 12th**
Grade 7 – Sundays beginning on **September 8th**
Grade 8 - Confirmation Class – Tuesdays from September 10 to October 8

Confirmation Class

The students in the Confirmation class with Sister Mary will be confirmed on **Thursday, October 10th at 4:30 PM.** More information will be given in September. If you have any questions, please call Sister Mary 484-888-1358.

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.

The Tree of Life has been placed in the vestibule of Divine Mercy Parish in the corridor leading to the former crying room. Take a moment and stop by to look at it. If anyone is still interested in making a donation to the new chapel in memory of someone or a special intention that you may have, please contact the parish office at 570-462-1968 as soon as possible. Your choices are: Leaf \$ 300.00, Acorn\$ 500.00, Foundation Stone \$ 1,000.00 and Mini-Tree \$ 1,500.00. Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to the chapel.



Financial Report --May

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| Net May Income | \$ 37,646.81 | Expenses | \$ 38,826.44 |
| | | Insurance | \$ 7,422.00 |
| | | Assessments | \$ 4,023.00 |
| Total Income | \$ 37,646.81 | Total Expenses | \$ 50,271.44 |
| | | Net Loss | \$ 12,624.63 |



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.

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

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

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

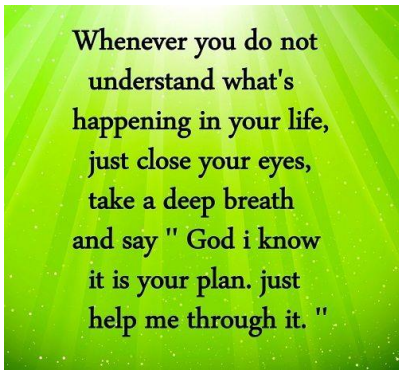


Please do not put your raffle tickets for Divine Mercy Food Sale in the collection basket the weekend of July 13th and 14th. Please drop them off at the parish office.

Food Truck Again at Divine Mercy Parish.....

Catholic Charities gave out 130 meals from their first visit here in Shenandoah in June. Hopefully, we will have more in July. See information below....

Catholic Charities’ Community Café Food Truck will be on site at the Divine Mercy Church Parish parking lot on Thursday, July 25th from Noon to 1:30 PM. All are welcome to join us for a complimentary hot lunch! Meet Catholic Charities’ staff and volunteers and enjoy a delicious meal! The food truck will be visiting Divine Mercy each month, so keep an eye out for further dates. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the food truck ministry, please contact Pam Russo at prusso@allentowndiocese.org or 610-871-5200, ext. 2204. Anyone is welcome to come and receive a free meal No questions asked or no payment or donation is requested.



Lean on Our Faith During Tough Times

Throughout the history of God’s dealings with humanity, He has continually brought good out of evil. During this unprecedented time of pandemic, we can remember this history and lean on Him.

Participate in weekly worship. If public Mass is not an option for you, find ways to join in worship safely. Participate in Mass online and don’t miss a Sunday. Support others by setting up a prayer group or Bible study with friends through calls, chats, or online meets.

Practice listening during prayer. Even though our schedules may have slowed down, our thoughts probably have not. Make mental space to listen to and hear from the Holy Spirit, and allow Him to bring truth and consolation.

Look for the ways God is working in the crisis. Our fear and anxiety can arise from worrying about what might happen. It helps to look for the good coming out of the crisis. Can you spot unexpected blessings?

Create a safe space in your home. Create a place – a corner, a chair, a large closet – where you spend at least 15 prayerful minutes each day. Take this time to remember that you are not alone. **Be not afraid.** Choosing to trust God is a decision we can each make. It comes from a determination to surrender with confidence knowing His love is enough.



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: _____



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel with the Annual Novena



will begin on July 11th. The Novena Mass will be at 8:00 AM each day at Divine Mercy Church. The final Mass will be held on Sunday, July 21st at 8:00 AM at St. Casimir with Procession following.

Regarding the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Procession

The honor of carrying the statue of Our Lady and the Canopy **will not** be bid on this year but will be shared by interested individuals and families who wish to participate in the procession by carrying Our Lady. All Divine Mercy Parishioners and friends are invited to participate. As in previous years, the large replica of the Rosary will be included in the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel procession. All children and teenagers are invited to help carry, for a little, for a block, as long as you wish. Adult participation is always welcome. Come and join this beautiful tradition honoring our Blessed Mother. If you are interested, please contact the parish office for all the details and to request or arrange a block assignment.

CINTAS may be brought to St. Casimir Church on Saturday, July 20th, between 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM or Sunday, July 21st prior to the 8:00 AM Mass.

Cinta Candles

Candles for candle houses (Cintas) for the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel will be available within the next few weeks at Divine Mercy Church. Donation is \$1.00 per candle. Consider participating in the procession with your own candle house in honor of, thanksgiving for or requesting Our Lady’s intercession.



DIVINE MERCY PARISH SUMMER FOOD SALE

Will be held on

Friday, July 12th from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Saturday, July 13th from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM and
Sunday, July 14th from Noon to 6:00 PM

Menu: Bleenies, Dill Pickle (Homemade), Divine Chicken Sandwich, Haluskie, Hispanic foods, Meatball Hoagie, Sausage Hoagie, Pierogie (Homemade), Wedding Soup & Desserts

Held in Divine Mercy Parish Parking Lot
Raffles, Rip Offs and Mega Prizes will be available also.