



# Divine Mercy Parish

## Mass Schedule for the Week of August 18, 2024

### *Monday, August 19, 2024*

7:30 AM DM **Raymond, Rita & Fred Gilliam, Family & Friends by Mike & Terry**

6 – 6:30 PM DM **Confessions**

### *Tuesday, August 20, 2024*

7:30 AM DM **My Mom, Adele Lipiec & Sister, Joann Hilbert On Their Birthdays 8/12 & 8/15 by Pat & Family**

### *Wednesday, August 21, 2024*

7:30 AM DM **Ronald & Leonard Moore by Geraldine Moore**

1-4:00 PM Chapel **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

### *Thursday, August 22, 2024*

7:30 AM DM **Loving Memory of My Parents, Albin & Helen Zancusky by Daughter, Joan**

### *Friday, August 23, 2024*

7:30 AM DM **Geraldine Zubowicz by Tom & Sherry Squierdo**

### *Saturday, August 24, 2024*

7:30 AM DM **William & Elizabeth Walsh & Sons, Bill & Gerard by Diane Walsh**

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

4:00 PM DM **Ronnie & Theresa Gervell by Family**

### *Sunday, August 25, 2024*

7:30 AM SC **In Memory of Our Mothers by Karen & Leo Kayes**

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

10:00 AM SC **Rev. Charles Dene**

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** **August 11th - \$ 3,121.00**

### **New Chapel Hours**

Due to the lack of attendance in our Chapel on a Monday 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 Ron Kalyan & family  
**James Carduff**  
 \$10 Barbara & Charles Bartusik  
**Lorraine Dombrosky**  
**\$10 Tunilla family**  
**Helen O'Connell**  
 \$10 Christine Leshar  
**Carol Curreli**  
 \$10 Walukiewicz Oravitz Fell F. H.  
 \$10 Joanne Koles  
**Arlene Dougal**  
 \$10 Joanne Koles  
**Ryan John McCole**  
 \$10 Walukiewicz Oravitz Fell F. H.  
**Good health & God's blessings for Stephen Bocian**  
 \$5 Catherine Toborowski  
**Good health & God's blessings for Loretta Zinkiewicz**  
 \$5 Catherine Toborowski  
**Special intentions**  
 \$5 Anonymous



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd for Labor Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, September 3rd at 8:30 AM.

**The Combined choirs of All Saints Church and St. Ambrose Church** will present the Homeland Cantata to honor all of our veterans and active military, on Sunday, August 11th, at 3:00 PM in All Saints Church, McAdoo and then again on Sunday, August 25th, at 3:00 PM on the Island in Schuylkill Haven. This is a free event and open to everyone so bring your family and friends and give thanks to our veterans and active military.

**Marian Catholic High School** is looking for families willing to host International Students. 24/7 Support, Monthly Stipend, and students come with their own health insurance and spending money. If interested, please contact Nicole Dunn at 467-3335 ext. 113, or [ndunn@mariancatholic.org](mailto:ndunn@mariancatholic.org)

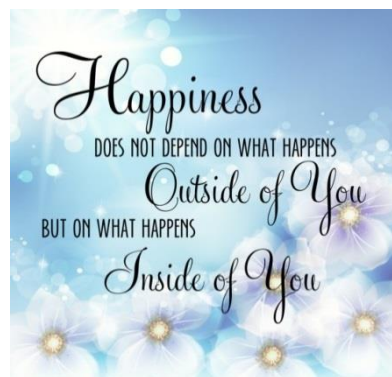
**Devotional Candles**  
**Divine Mercy**  
 Sanctuary In memory of my beloved Parents & Sister, Angelo & Enrica & Jean Romano by Ann Romano  
 Blessed Mother Good health & God's blessings for Loretta Zinkiewicz by Church friends & Shenandoah Apartment Village  
 St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family  
 St. Joseph In honor, praise & thanksgiving  
 St. Joseph In loving memory of the Laudeman family by Gloria Laudeman & family  
 OLMC Good health & God's blessings for Teresa Kolonsky  
 OLMC Special intentions by Ann Marnell Lehman  
 Shrine Room Special intentions by Mary Kufro

**St. Casimir**  
 Sanctuary In loving memory of my Dad, George Rittle by Daughter, Maria  
 Divine Mercy Special intentions by Louis & Donna Kowalski  
 Divine Mercy Special intentions for Christopher, Hope, Benjamin, Morgan, Marc, Donna, Aubree, Eleanor, Owen, Oliver & Reni  
 Divine Mercy Prayers & good health for J.M., S.M., M.S., A.M., Z. S., T.S., R.G., G.M., L.B. & J. B.  
 Divine Mercy Special intentions  
 Divine Mercy In memory of Michael Cooney by M/M John M. Thomas  
 Divine Mercy In memory of Charles "Mickey" Thomas by M/M John M. Thomas  
 Divine Mercy In memory of Michael "Peck" Pietkiewicz by M/M John M. Thomas  
 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, Mrs. Buchinsky, Scarlet Henry, Frankie Pettinato, Christa Beecroft & Mr. Rania  
 Blessed Mother May the Blessed Mother bless by monkey friends on Sunday ... Bobby, Danny, Pav, Paul, Missing Link, Steve and a saint, Joanie Shustack - love Gene  
 Blessed Mother To my dear wife, Trish – thank you for 45 years of love & happiness – love, Gene  
 Blessed Mother God's blessings & healing for Charles Hauser by Roseanne Malinoski  
 Blessed Mother Healthy recovery for Loretta Zinkiewicz by Ed & Fran Domkus  
 Blessed Mother Successful surgery 8/20 for Liz Schlack by Theresa & Diane  
 Blessed Mother In memory of Florence & William Steele by Mary, Nancy & Eddie  
 Sacred Heart Special intentions for Christopher, Marc & Christa  
 St. Anthony Special intentions for Christopher, Marc & Christa

**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. Joseph Center for Special Learning** is searching for a *Special Education Teacher!* Come work in a supportive work environment where you can make a real, lasting impact on students' lives. Applicant must have a Bachelor's Degree in Special Education and a current PA teaching certificate. Interested applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, clearances, and teacher application to Principal Bob Giba at [rgiba@stjosephctr.com](mailto:rgiba@stjosephctr.com), or call 622-4638 to set up a time to drop off these documents.

**Padre Pio Pilgrimage** For those interested in attending the 1<sup>st</sup> Local Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Centre for Padre Pio on Friday, September 20, bus transportation will be available for a cost of \$25. The bus will depart from St. Clare of Assisi in Saint Clair at 7AM and from St. Ambrose in Schuylkill Haven at 7:30AM. You must bring your own brown bag lunch. We will be leaving the Shrine as soon as the Pilgrimage concludes. To register or for more information, please contact Barbara at St. Ambrose church (570-385-1031, [stambroseoffice@comcast.net](mailto:stambroseoffice@comcast.net)).



**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.



**Rosary -- Our Lady of Fatima** will be held on Friday, September 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.

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

Catholic Charities' Community Café Food Truck will be on site at the Divine Mercy Church Parish parking lot on Thursday, August 22nd 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](mailto: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.



**2025 Mass Book for Divine Mercy Parish will open on Tuesday, October 22nd.** The **Diocesan Mass Stipend is set at \$ 10.00.** When requesting a Mass for 2025, the stipend must be paid before it can be written in the Mass Book. Each parishioner will be allowed **one weekday Mass and one weekend Mass.** **Please note: For every Mass for 2025 we will be asking for a contact name, address and phone number. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter! Remember, the Mass Book fills up quickly!** Candles will also be taken for 2025 at this time. If you would like to have a candle lit on a special day in any of the parishes, it is important that you notify us as soon as possible. The dates fill quickly.

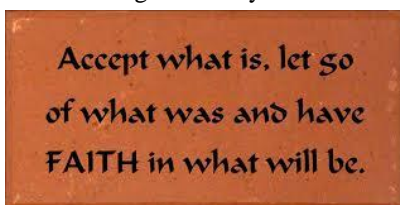
**Financial Information/ OLMC Procession & Summer Food Sale**

<b>Total amount collected from OLMC Procession</b>	<b>\$ 3,071.00</b>
<b>Expenses for OLMC Procession:</b>	
Flowers	\$ 660.00
(4 vases of roses @ \$ 165.00 each)	
Marching Band	\$ 1,200.00
Profit	\$ 1,211.00

**Summer Food Sale Profit: \$19,686.81**

Thank you to everyone who supported our summer food sale and to those who participated in the OLMC Procession. Your help and support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

**Healing Mass** will be held on Friday, August 30th at 7:00 PM at Most Blessed Trinity, 113 Cherry St., Tremont, PA. Our celebrant will be Rev. Christopher Zelonis, Pastor of SS Peter & Paul Parish, Lehighton. Confessions will start at 6:00 PM. There will also be an anointing with Holy Oil after Mass.



**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 AUGUST 24TH & 25TH**

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM @ DM	Maskornick, Sherri	Elchisak, Michele	Hernandez, Omar
7:30 AM @ SC	Daynorowicz, Nolan	Grochowski, Jennifer	Daynorowicz, Nolan
10:00 AM @ SC	Taylor, Anne	Domkus, Frances	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**

**Divine Mercy Parish Religious Education Program**

Registration for Divine Mercy Parish Religious Education Program was held during the week of July 22 – 28, 2024.

If you have not registered and want your child to receive religious instruction this year, please call Sister Mary at 1-484-888-1358 to set up an appointment.

Classes begin in September. You need to be registered **before September 1, 2024.**

Thank you,  
 Sr. 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 10th to October 8th

**Divine Mercy Parish – Fall Food Sale  
 Divine Mercy Church Parking Lot,  
 West Cherry St.**

**Friday, September 20th – Noon to 6:00 PM**  
**Saturday, September 21st – Noon to 6:00 PM**  
**Sunday, September 22nd – Noon to 6:00 PM or until sellout**



**Our Menu will consist of:**  
**Bleenies, Chicken Noodle Soup, Chicken Parmesan Sandwich, Hamburgers, Homemade Pierogies, Meatball Hoagies, Porketta, Pasta Fagioli Soup and Baked Goods**



Raffle tickets will be mailed soon.  
 Rip Offs & 50/50 will be available at the Fall Food Sale

**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.



**Let Go of the Dream**

Who wouldn’t want to live the “good life?” Imagine having all the money you need, going on exotic vacations, and owning your dream home? Yet, people who have all the world can offer still say they don’t have all they want. That’s because the good life isn’t here on Earth.

**Roomful of Friends** Learning about the saints is a like walking into a room full of strangers. You scan the faces looking for a friendly one who beckons you over. Scan the saintly faces until you find one with whom you would like to become friends. “Only the one who can see hope in death can also lead a life of hope.” Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI), *Images of Hope: Meditations on Major Feasts.*

**Financial Report --June**

Net June Income	\$ 21,362.26	Expenses	\$ 28,145.98
		Insurance	\$ 7,422.00
		Assessments	\$ 4,023.00
Total Income	\$ 21,362.26	Total Expenses	\$ 39,590.98
		<b>Net Loss</b>	<b>\$ 18,228.72</b>



**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 |



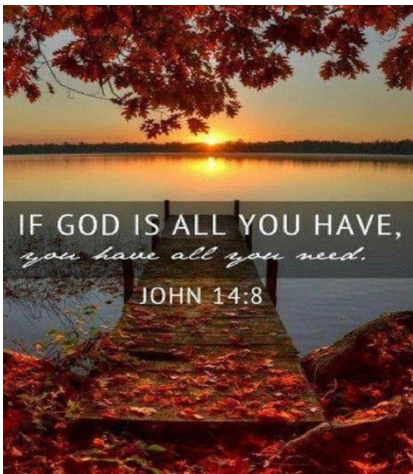
**Did You Change Your Address Lately?** The parish office would like to ask our parishioners, if they have a change in their address, to please notify the parish office as soon as possible. Every time we send mail out and the address is incorrect, the parish must pay for this piece of mail. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**July Lotto Winners**

Maryann Schuetrum	7/5	#442	Eve	\$25
Gloria Laudeman	7/9	#426	Eve	\$25
Theresa Kosar	7/9	#328	Day	\$25
Finn & James	7/10	#336	Day	\$50
John Harkins	7/11	#325	Day	\$25
Theresa Tunilla	7/12	#449	Eve	\$100
Joseph Sadusky	7/16	#343	Day	\$50
Lucille Babinchak	7/22	#294	Day	\$25
Granny B & Margo	7/28	#359	Day	\$50

**Baptismal Bargain**

When we are baptized, God forms an unbreakable covenant with us promising His unconditional love. “*For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord*” (Romans 8:38-39). Our part of the bargain is to obey him and love him, and put him first in our lives. At Baptism, we are marked as God’s for life. That can never change.



**His Temple**

St. Paul teaches that “*your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own.*” We understand it is unhealthy to overeat or abuse drugs or alcohol. Yet, we don’t always acknowledge the harm of watching movies and television shows with violence or sex, or listening to music with profane lyrics. God’s temple deserves respect. “Therefore, glorify God in your body” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

**Upward Glance**

Try spending part of each day alone with God. Human conversation keeps you grounded on Earth. Moments spent with God are moments glancing toward the Heaven that awaits.



**Bulletin News...** our bulletin is sent out on a Monday by noon. If you would like a candle or memorial or any type of information placed in the bulletin, our office needs the information by 11:00 AM on a Monday. The bulletin company prints the bulletin as soon as it is sent to them.

**Choose to Live a Free Life**

God gave us free will so we can make our own choices and be free. Popular culture tells us freedom means doing whatever we choose even if that includes sin. Yet, true freedom is being open to God’s love and closed to sin. “*Live as free men, yet without using your freedom as a pretext for evil*” (1 Peter 2:16). We are at our freest when we choose for good.

**Don’t give away your freedom.** Sin can overtake us without our noticing. For example, sharing one juicy secret may make us feel popular but over time, gossip can become a habit we can’t control. A nightly examination of the day can help identify sinful actions before they become habits. Monthly visits to the Sacrament of Reconciliation will also sharpen that sense of sin.

**Freely choose love.** God won’t force us to love him; he hopes we will choose it. Often, we don’t approach him because we feel unworthy, guilty, or distant. Instead, choose to believe that God’s love is stronger than our sin or guilt. When we have faith that he loves us, we are free to love him back.

**Choose for good.** Consistently making good and moral choices in today’s society is hard but it leads to great reward. The more we choose good, the freer we become.



**How Can I Develop More Faith?**

Faith is not a single event or a mastered skill. It’s a journey that develops and grows over time. A father asking Jesus for a miraculous cure for his son cried out, “*I do believe, help my unbelief*” (Mark 9:24). We have to ask God to help our faith develop and grow.

The best way to develop a strong faith is to pray. Prayer is a conversation with God. Most of us use prayer to talk at God, but it’s important to listen, too.

One good way to listen to God is to read his Word in the Bible. Start by reading a passage from Scripture, particularly the Gospels. Then ask yourself what the passage is saying to you, personally.

For example, ask yourself, “What is God saying to me through this reading?” Or “How can I put his message into practice in my life?” We need to meditate on the message and put it into action in our lives. Only then can the word be “*living and effective*”(Hebrews 4:12).



**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.**