



# Divine Mercy Parish

## Mass Schedule for the Week of August 25, 2024

### *Monday, August 26, 2024*

7:30 AM DM Stanley & Alberta Toborowsky by Bob & Rita  
6 – 6:30 PM DM Confessions

### *Tuesday, August 27, 2024*

7:30 AM DM Charlotte Litwak by Granddaughter, Charlene & Family

### *Wednesday, August 28, 2024*

7:30 AM DM Joseph Zarcufsky Jr. & Tommy by Sister, Nikki  
1-4:00 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### *Thursday, August 29, 2024*

7:30 AM DM For All Those Who Are Remembered In Our Memorial Fund

### *Friday, August 30, 2024*

7:30 AM DM Ann Kelly by Mary Noecker

### *Saturday, August 31, 2024*

7:30 AM DM Living & Deceased Members of Divine Mercy Parish

3:40 PM DM Divine Mercy Chaplet  
4:00 PM DM Clarence Bauser by David Drumblusky

### *Sunday, September 1, 2024*

7:30 AM SC Helen & Al Bronk by Son, Al & Family  
9:40 AM SC Divine Mercy Chaplet  
10:00 AM SC Leo & Kitty Breznik by Mike & Cheryl Breznik & Family  
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.

**Sept. 4 – St. Rose of Viterbo (1252).** Born to poor parents in Viterbo, Italy, Rose used her gift of preaching to teach the women and girls in her neighborhood about the faith. As a young woman, she spoke out in support of the pope against the Ghibellines, who supported the emperor, Frederick II. She wanted to join the Carmelites, but was refused. She died at the age of seventeen and was buried at that same convent.

### 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 18th - \$ 4,929.00

### 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.

**Date for Confirmation:**  
**Tuesday, October 10, 2024**  
**at 4:30 PM**



**Divine Mercy Memorial Fund**  
**Loving memory of Diane M. Kalyan**

\$10 Ron Kalyan & family

**Arlene E. Dougal**

\$20 Joseph J. Stutz, Inc. F.H.

\$20 Fran Rooney & family

**Speedy recovery & God's blessings for Ruth Hentz**

\$10 Rita Sherakas

**Good health & God's blessings for Dorothy Laureti**

\$5 Pat & Mike Burns

**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 will sing 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)

Divine Mercy Mega Prize Donation  
 \$20 Maryann Szuler

**Can You See God?**

Are you aware of God's presence in your life? Looking for ways in which he blesses us rather than thinking about prayers he hasn't yet answered make us more aware of how he moves in our lives. Of course, God is always with us whether we see him or not. Ask him to give you eyes to see him.

**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 Irene Shuckavage by Niece, Nikki
  - Blessed Mother In loving memory of Regina Straka on her birthday by Gina & Jim Lombard
  - Blessed Mother Speedy recovery & God's blessings for Loretta Zienkiewicz by Barb Hardy
  - Blessed Mother Speedy recovery & God's blessings for Liz Schlack by Barb Hardy
  - Blessed Mother God's blessings for a successful surgery for Julie Buchinsky by Barb Hardy
  - Blessed Mother Happy birthday in heaven to my Mom, Regina Straka by Paul Straka
  - Blessed Mother In memory of Anna Hardy by Daughter, Barbara
  - Blessed Mother Happy birthday in heaven to Virginia "Ginny" Bell by Paul Straka
  - Blessed Mother Good health & God's blessings for Theresa Kolonsky by Paul Straka
  - Blessed Mother Good health & God's blessings for Theresa Paruch by Paul Straka
  - Blessed Mother Good health & God's blessings for Joni Wallace by Paul Straka
  - Blessed Mother Good health & God's blessings for Josephine Rittle by Paul Straka
  - St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
  - St. Joseph In honor, praise & thanksgiving
  - St. Joseph In memory of William Discavage on his birthday 8/31 by family
  - OLMC In loving memory of Virginia Bell on her birthday by Gina & Jim Lombard
  - OLMC Special intentions by Ann Marnell Lehman
  - Sacred Heart Special intentions by Mary Kufro
- St. Casimir**
- Sanctuary In loving memory of my Dad, George Rittle by Daughter, Maria
  - Czestochowa In memory of Joseph, Victoria, Edward, Leonard & Stanley Michalik by Michael & Marie Michalik
  - Divine Mercy Special intentions by Louis & Donna Kowalski
  - 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 In loving memory of Joseph, Mary, Bernard, Alvera & John Zelonis by Michael & Marie Michalik
  - Divine Mercy Special intentions for Christopher, Hope, Benjamin, Morgan, Marc, Donna, Aubree, Eleanor, Owen, Oliver & Reni
  - Divine Mercy In memory of John & Helen Pukavige by children
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  - Divine Mercy In memory of William J. Treshock by Brother, Leo & Pat
  - Blessed Mother In loving memory of Joe & Joestelle by Wife/Mother
  - Blessed Mother In loving memory of my dear Mother, Rose Norris on her heavenly birthday 8/29 by Daughter, Roseanne
  - Blessed Mother God's blessings to Msgr. Bocian for the beautiful Mass for Sister Marietta. We are very blessed to have you as pastor by Ed & Fran Domkus
  - Blessed Mother In memory of Veronica & Leo Kayes on their birthdays, 8/15 & 8/24 by M/M Ronald Kayes, Emily, Joshua & Adam
  - Blessed Mother In loving memory of Leo & Kitty Breznik by Son, Mickey
  - Blessed Mother God's blessings to Maria, the choir and the angel who helped Msgr. when no server available by Ed & Fran Domkus
  - Blessed Mother God's blessings & thanks to the committee for your hard work making a fantastic reception for Sister Marietta by Ed & Fran Domkus
  - Blessed Mother In loving memory of Helen Rittle by Daughter, Lisa
  - Blessed Mother God's blessings & healing for Dorothy L. by Pat & Leo
  - Blessed Mother In memory of John McGuire by Wife, Peg

**Padre Pio Pilgrimage** For those interested in attending the 1st Local Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Centre for Padre Pio on Friday, September 20th, bus transportation will be available for a cost of \$25. The bus will depart from St. Clare of Assisi in Saint Clair at 7:00 AM 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)).

**Our “Call”**

When God calls, He asks that His children respond. Throughout history, when the Father called a chosen people, prophets, and kings to service. They responded. Jesus called His apostles and disciples. They responded. God calls each of us. Have you responded? Are you where He wants you to be?

**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.

- Blessed Mother To my good friend, Tally... I am getting better in golf. When we meet, expect to lose... love, Gene
  - Blessed Mother In memory of my Parents, Julius & Nellie Stremba. Thank you for a nice life... love, Gene
  - 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
  - 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



**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.



**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.



**A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM SISTER MARIETTA**

To Msgr. Bocian for celebrating such a beautiful & special Mass, to the choir, for all the cards and gifts, for everyone’s prayers and support, to the committee for working so hard in preparing for the beautiful social which was held after the Mass, to those who attended the Mass and social, to our speakers Msgr. Bocian, Mayor Andrew Szczyglak & Pennsylvania State Representative, Tim Twardzik for all their kind words. I will never forget the people of Shenandoah. Everyone is very near and dear to my heart. Thank you again for everything. I will continue to keep all the parishioners of Divine Mercy in my daily prayers.



To the following businesses for their donations for our social on Sunday, August 11th: La Casita, Gualtiers Beer Distributor, Kowalonek’s Lucky’s , Borans, Redners, Walukiewicz Oravitz Fell F. H., Francesco’s, Polish Deli at Reading Fairgrounds Market, Chill Out, Lyric & Vernalis Restaurant.

Thank you to all the parishioners & non parishioners for their donations of food, supplies, decorations and their hard efforts in order to make this such a beautiful & special event for Sister Marietta.

To Cindi Rebecca Gunderman aka Autumn Falls for providing the wonderful entertainment at our social.

**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 31ST & SEPTEMBER 1ST**

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM @ DM	Lombard, Gina	Webb, Jacqueline	Hernandez, Omar & Paco Jesus Arias
7:30 AM @ SC	Oravitz Fell, Marguerite	Bronk, Cathy	Snitzer, Isabella
10:00 AM @ SC	Twardzik, Pam	Phillips, Kathy	Donovan, Joseph

**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:**  
**BBQ, Bleenies, Chicken Noodle Soup,  
Chicken Parmesan Sandwich, Homemade  
Pierogies, Meatball Hoagies, Porketta, Pasta  
Fagioli Soup and Baked Goods**



Raffle tickets have been mailed.  
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.

**Is Purgatory a Real Place?**

Purgatory is imagined as a place, but it refers to the state and process by which a soul is purified before going to Heaven. Someone who dies in God’s grace, but who still needs purification before he or she can see God is in Purgatory. “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified ... undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven” (CCC #1030).

Church tradition has described Purgatory as a purifying fire that purges us of any venial sin on our souls for which we have not repented. “If someone’s work is burned up, that one will suffer loss; the person will be saved, but only as through fire” (1 Corinthians 3:15). Another comparison can be the pain of St. Peter’s repentance after he denied our Lord. When we see God we will experience shame and remorse for having denied him in others. Only after this purifying pain will we be able to see God face to face.

**Financial Report --July**

Net July Income	\$ 36,938.73	Expenses	\$ 36,175.83
		Insurance	\$ 7,422.00
		Assessments	\$ 4,023.00
Total Income	\$ 36,938.73	Total Expenses	\$ 47,620.83
		<b>Net Loss</b>	<b>\$ 10,682.10</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.

**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, September 26th 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.

**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.



### 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.

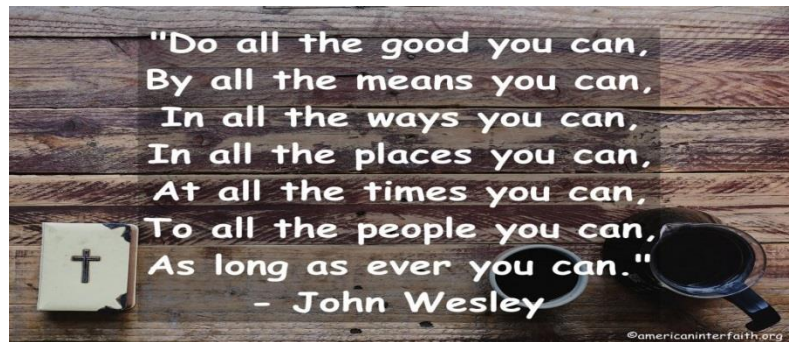
The best way to develop a strong faith is to pray. Prayer is a conversation with God. Most of us use prayer to talk at God, but it's important to listen, too. One good way to listen to God is to read his Word in the Bible. Start by reading a passage from Scripture, particularly the Gospels. Then ask 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).

Happy moments,  
*Praise God.*  
Difficult moments,  
*Seek God.*  
Quiet moments,  
*Worship God.*  
Painful moments,  
*Trust God.*  
Every moment,  
*Thank God.*

### Why do Some Churches Have Altar Rails?

Altar rails, or "Communion rails," located between the sanctuary and the front pews, helped facilitate the Communion distribution when everyone received Communion on the tongue while kneeling. The rails encouraged the faithful to be reverent before the Face of God – literally. Called, "the people's altar," the rails were also where communicants offered their spiritual sacrifices to God directly as they received Him. We can do this without rails, but kneeling for Communion is a powerful reminder of Who we are receiving.

**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.**



### Giving From a Grateful Heart

In Old Testament times, a faithful farmer gave the first of his harvest to the temple for God's use. He understood that it was through God's blessing that he had a harvest at all. We, too, can give to God from our grateful hearts.

**Give God the first, best moments.** Many of us rush through our day from the moment we open our eyes. We forget that it is by God's grace that we are even able to see a new day. Instead, give the first moments of the day to God in prayer.

**Pay God first.** Most of us pay pressing bills first – housing, food, insurance – and give to the Church from what is left. Then we grumble when our parish fundraises to meet its needs. Yet all we have is through God's blessing in the first place. In fact, if we each give to the Sunday collection for God's use a first portion of our income – the Biblical 10%, for example – all our important needs will be met.

### Our Daily Lives Prove Our Love for Jesus

Negative behaviors often rob us of the peace God intends for us to have. Some can even lead us to sin. A good way to overcome bad habits is to replace them with good ones. Try these ideas:

**Worry.** Worry can be a sign that we don't trust God. When things don't go your way, ask for God's help to bear his will patiently. True peace only comes to those who don't waste time or effort on what they can't change. **Finding fault.** The only acceptable reason to point out another's faults is to help the guilty party grow in holiness. Don't encourage back-biting by joining in or listening to it. Instead, excuse yourself or change the subject as tactfully as possible. **Knowing-it-all.** Some people have such a desire to impress others that they try to look like they have all the answers. It's more important to impress God. Know and do what is necessary to live a more useful and holier life. **Neediness.** Depending too much on other people will lead to disappointment. Only God can answer all your needs. Make God your first stop when you need help, instead of your last resort. Our daily lives are witnesses of just how much we love Jesus. A constant, genuine effort toward holiness can prove our love for him.



**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.**