



Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of September 1, 2024

Monday, September 2, 2024
8:00 AM DM John McGauley by Sister Helene

Tuesday, September 3, 2024
7:30 AM DM Georgette Moyer by Family

Wednesday, September 4, 2024
7:30 AM DM Joseph & Alberta Zarcufsky by Charlotte & Dave Kriner
1-4:00 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, September 5, 2024
7:30 AM DM Leonard & Eleanor Visgaitis by Daughter, Patricia

Friday, September 6, 2024
7:30 AM DM Stanley Kayesuski – 44th Wedding Anniversary by Wife, Susan

Saturday, September 7, 2024
7:30 AM DM Gert Pitts – Happy Birthday in Heaven by Jenny & Family
3:40PM DM Divine Mercy Chaplet
4:00 PM DM Leo & Loretta Gervell by Grandchildren

Sunday, September 8, 2024
7:30 AM SC Stella & Alexander Gawrylik by Granddaughter, Cathy & Family
9:40 AM SC Divine Mercy Chaplet
10:00 AM SC Ted Twardzik Sr. by Tom & Pam Twardzik & Sons
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.

Remember ...

Jesus gave us a great gift when he created the Sacrament of Confession (John 20:23). He knew we would want to hear the words of absolution to know he forgives us. Remember that no matter what happens, you are just one Confession away from coming home.

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 25th - \$ 3,366.00**

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
Good health & God's blessings for Dorothy Laureti
 \$5 Diana & Joe Lebby
Ryan John McCole
 \$10 Peter Ulicny
Happy wedding anniversary in heaven, Leo & Kitty Breznik.. rest in peace – we love you and miss you
 \$10 Son, Frank, Lisa & families
Martin Cuff
 \$10 Peter Ulicny
 \$5 Terry & Mike
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.

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



Msgr. Bocian and the parish office staff would like to wish everyone a Safe & Happy Labor Day



On Thursday, September 19th, the parish office will be closed due to our Fall Festival. The office will reopen on Monday, September 23rd at 9:30 AM.

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 Hunter Zellin & family by Terry & Mike
Blessed Mother In memory of Mary Discavage by family
Blessed Mother Special intentions by Joan Madaffari
Blessed Mother For all our brothers & sisters in Christ, living & deceased, past, present & future
St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
St. Ann Special intentions by Mary Kufro
St. Joseph In honor, praise & thanksgiving
OLMC In memory of Bill Racis by Dorothy & Romolo
OLMC Special intention for John Kelly family
Jesus Crucified – 14 day – Good health & God's blessings for Stephen Bocian Jr. by Msgr. B

St. Casimir

Sanctuary In loving memory of my Dad, George Rittle by Daughter, Maria
Divine Mercy Special intentions by Louis & Donna Kowalski
Divine Mercy In memory of John & Helen Pukavige by Children
Divine Mercy Successful surgery & God's blessings for a speedy recovery for Brent by G & Pop, Leo
Divine Mercy Prayers & good health for J.M., S.M., M.S., A.M., Z. S., T.S., R.G., G.M., L.B. & J. B.
Blessed Mother In memory of John McGuire by Wife, Peg
Blessed Mother In memory of John Pukas rest in peace by your Great great nephews, Mark, Frances & Billy
Blessed Mother In memory of Charles & Theresa Blickley Kalenkoski rest in peace by Sons, Mark, Francis & Billy
Blessed Mother In memory of Frankie (Poncho) Blaschock rest in peace by your Cousins, Mark, Francis & Billy
Blessed Mother In memory of William & Elizabeth Walsh Blickley rest in peace by Grandsons, Mark, Francis & Billy
Blessed Mother In memory of Charles & Mary Kalenkoski rest in peace by Grandsons, Mark, Francis & Billy
Blessed Mother In memory of Charles John (Charlie) Kalenkoski rest in peace by Uncles, Mark, Francis & Billy
Blessed Mother In memory of Charles Kalenkoski rest in peace by Brothers, Mark, Francis & Billy
Sacred Heart For all our brothers & sisters in Christ, living & deceased, past, present & future
St. Ann In memory of Theodore, Catherine & Catherine Mary Guzinski by Barbara Guzinski

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



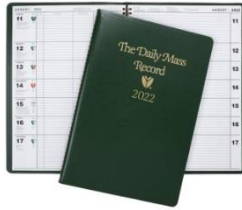
Padre Pio Pilgrimage For those interested in attending the 1st Local Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Centre for Padre Pio on Friday, September 20th, bus transportation will be available for a cost of \$25. The bus will depart from St. Clare of Assisi in Saint Clair at 7:00 AM and from St. Ambrose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

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.

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.

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.

Annual Father Cizek Mass

The annual Father Walter Cizek Day will be held on Sunday, October 20th. It is a day to celebrate Father Cizek’s extraordinary faith in God and commitment to his priestly vows and vocation. The Mass will be at St. Casimir Church, 229 North Jardin Street, Shenandoah, PA at 2:00 PM. Rev. Brian M. Miller, Pastor of St. Catharine of Siena Parish, Reading, PA will be the homilist. Light refreshments will be available in the church hall after Mass. Also, related items concerning Fr. Walter will be available for purchase. The new Prayer League Center at 218 West Cherry Street, Shenandoah will be opened from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM showing video of Fr. Cizek.



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 SEPTEMBER 7TH & 8TH

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM @ DM	Maskornick, Sherri	Brophy, Marty	Hernandez, Omar & Arias, Paco Jesus
7:30 AM @ SC	Daynorowicz, Nolan	Grochowski, Jennifer	Daynorowicz, Nolan
10:00 AM @ SC	Taylor, Anne	Domkus, Frances	Estrada, Jose & Caesar

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.

Trust God

If we let him, God will work in our lives. Because he’s perfect, God can’t make mistakes. When we trust him completely, we feel a sense of personal well-being, security, and peace.

Need a Map?

Christian morality is like a road map for life. If we don’t know where we are headed, we don’t need a map at all. A Christian road map will help us get to Heaven.



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
		Net Loss	\$ 10,682.10



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 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.

Catholic Charities is looking for one or two part time drivers for its food truck mission. Hours are Monday through Thursday, approximately 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The truck is loaded and unloaded at Holy Family Parish Hall, located in Minersville, PA and the truck serves various communities each day in Schuylkill County. A standard PA Drivers license, a clean driving record and background clearances are required. Basic truck maintenance experience is also helpful. Anyone interested in the position should contact Andrea Kochan Neagle, Catholic Charities Managing Director, at aneagle@allentowndiocese.org or call 610-435-1541 ext. 5334.

We Can Make a More Peaceful World

Ordinarily we think of violence as physical – a blow, a gunshot, a bombing. It seems that we hear and read about acts of war every day. But wars escalate from everyday acts in homes, neighborhoods, and communities that can be as subtle as words or gestures that dampen the spirit of another person. As Christians, we can prevent violence by living our faith.

Embrace diversity – don't just tolerate it. Different as we are, we are all made in God's image and likeness. There is great diversity in the communion of saints.

Develop more empathy – see situations from another's perspective. It's the best way to understand the impact of our actions on those affected by them.

Treat everyone with dignity – don't ignore others as a way of expressing anger or disapproval. Giving the silent treatment instead of working out problems denies much needed human contact and fails to solve conflict.

Choose entertainment carefully – a steady diet of violent entertainment and media helps us become comfortable with violence and to see people as characters rather than humans. Instead, pray for victims of violence and for the souls of those who perpetrate it.

Detach – value people more than things. Share what you have. Don't take more than you need. Don't get so attached to achieving an outcome that you forget love matters more.

Divine Mercy Fall Food Sale Donations

\$50 Anonymous
\$50 Henry Jachimczyk
\$50 Rose Marie Jurewicz
\$50 Albert & Diane Bindie
\$50 Ray Wisniewski
\$25 Robert & Betty Ann Bugden
\$25 Ed & Kerri Michalik
\$20 Gurecki Family
\$20 Sal & Antonietta Madaffari
\$20 Robert Sadowski
\$20 Val Sajone
\$20 Anne Ulicny
\$20 Peter Ulicny
\$20 Rita Karas
\$20 Antoinette Pancerella
\$20 Jackie Webb
\$20 Dolores Gallo
\$20 Anonymous
\$20 Robert Toborowsky
\$15 Joan Chesonis

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.**

Four Tools for Spreading the Good News

Before He ascended, Jesus told His disciples, "Go...make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). We are all called to preach the Gospel, sometimes by words, but always by the holiness of our lives. Jesus gave us four must-haves for this task:

Peace: The confidence that all things, even our greatest sufferings, will be for our good is peace. Living a Gospel-centered life brings peace and sets us apart in what we choose: music, recreation, dress. These choices are counter-cultural and testify to our faith. Be at peace: our security is in the Truth, not others' opinions of us.

Simplicity: We can't give what we don't have. To give Christ to others, we must make room for Him in our own hearts. For example, buy only what's necessary and limit time on social media. Frequent the Sacraments and Mass. Pray daily.

Charity: Jesus uses us to communicate His love to others. In addition to acts of mercy for the poor, charity requires treating others with dignity, respect, patience, and kindness – even when it's challenging.

Joy: We experience joy when we receive God's love. This means keeping our hearts open to accepting the Good News, not giving into bitterness and resentment, reminding ourselves of the ways God has shown His love for us. Don't keep it to yourself. Tell others.



St. Clare of Assisi, St. Clair -- Breakfast – Sunday, September 8th from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM at ICC Social Hall, Diener's Hill – Cost: Adults \$10.00 Children \$5.00 ... Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries, Pancakes, French Toast, Bacon, Sausage, Ham, Toast, Orange Juice, Apple Juice, Coffee and Tea.

St. John's Curiosity Shop / Yard Sale St. John's R.C. Church, 10th & Mahantongo Sts. in Pottsville will host its Curiosity Shop/Yard Sale on ... **Friday, September 6th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM and Saturday, Saturday 7th from 9:00 AM to 12 noon at the Russell Building on 9th St. & Schuylkill Ave., Pottsville.** Various items including ... Christmas / Fall décor, Knick-Knacks, Toys, Games, Kitchen Items, Candles, Jewelry, Glass Items, Purses, Framed Prints, Small Appliances, Linens, CD's, DVD's, Religious Items, and our **Special Vintage / Collectibles Section** ... plus much, much more.

St. Clare of Assisi, St. Clair... Meat Bingo – Date: Sunday, September 22nd
Place: St. Clair Lions Club, 259 McCord Avenue, St. Clair
Doors Open @ 12:00 Noon; Bingo Starts @ 2:00 PM
\$20.00 pre-sale or \$25.00 at the Door... Call 429-0370