



Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of January 26, 2025

Monday, January 27, 2025

7:30 AM DM **Filippo & Rose Esposito** by Philip & Lorraine Esposito & Family
6-6:30 PM DM **Confessions**

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

7:30 AM DM **Joseph Zeccardi** by Sr. Helene

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

7:30 AM DM **Dr. Stephen P. Toth** by Toth Family
1-4 PM Chapel **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Thursday, January 30, 2025

7:30 AM DM **Bill Racis** by Dorothy & Romolo

Friday, January 31, 2025

7:30 AM DM **Joseph Maloney Sr.** by Maloney Family

Saturday, February 1, 2025

7:30 AM DM **Living & Deceased Members of Divine Mercy Parish**
3:40PM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
4:00 PM DM **Regina Straka** by Paul Straka

Sunday, February 2, 2025

7:30 AM DM **Paul Sosna Jr.** by Brandy Lee Sosna
9:40 AM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
10:00 AM DM **Mary & Edward Rudzinski** by Judy & Jim
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 Collection

1/19 - \$5,508.00

Tax Time is approaching us very quickly. Need a copy of your contribution sheet? Again, this year we will not be mailing out the contribution sheets to every parishioner of our parish. Therefore, if you would like a copy for tax purposes, it is necessary for you to call the parish office at 462-1968 in a request for your contribution sheet for 2024. We will mail this sheet directly to you.

Help Catholics Come Home

Do you know someone who was baptized Catholic but has stopped attending Mass, is questioning the faith, or hasn't found a parish home? Why not help your friend to come home? Perhaps you can act as a resource or offer to attend Mass together. If you aren't sure how to help, ask your pastor or priest for advice.

"No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and [the world]" (Luke 16:13).

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.

Divine Mercy Memorial Fund
Diane M. Kalyan
 \$20 Husband, Ron & family
Good health & God’s blessings for Joan Wallace
 \$5 Theresa Tunilla
Good health, God’s blessings & strength for Charles Houser
 \$5 Theresa Tunilla
Happy anniversary in heaven, 2/3, John J. Stanczyk, rest in peace... love & miss you
 \$10 Daughter, Lisa, Frank & families
Happy anniversary in heaven, 1/31 Kitty Breznik rest in peace... love & miss you
 \$10 Son, Frank, Lisa & families
Happy anniversary in heaven, 1/23, Eleanor V. Stanczyk, rest in peace... love & miss you
 \$10 Daughter, Lisa, Frank & Families
Joseph Kulpowicz
 \$10 Peter Ulicny
Special intentions
 \$5 Anonymous

Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 17th in observance of Presidents’ Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, February 18th at 8:30 AM.

You may schedule additional Masses for 2025

and book is open to non-parishioners. **The Diocesan Mass Stipend is set at \$10.00.**

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning

is making a Joyful Noise! We are participating in the MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE, an online lip dubbing competition to raise funds for our Catholic schools in the Diocese of Allentown, and SJC needs your help! Visit www.weloveourcatholicschools.com to see SJC celebrate the spirit and joy of Catholic education. Please dance, sing, and VOTE by February 23rd! All voting proceeds benefit our school. Thanks for making St. Joseph Center for Special Learning a winner!

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 Hunter Zellin by family
Blessed Mother In loving memory of our Uncle, Jimmy Slip Maloney on his 91st birthday in heaven by Maloney family
Blessed Mother In memory of my dear sister, Florence McCloskey by Theresa Tunilla
St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
St. Joseph In honor, praise & thanksgiving
OLMC Special intentions by Ann Marnell Lehman
OLMC Special intention for John Kelly family

St. Casimir

Sanctuary In loving memory of my Dad, George Rittle by Daughter, Maria
Divine Mercy Special intentions by Louis & Donna Kowalski
Divine Mercy Prayers & good health for J.M., S.M., M.S., Z.S., A.M., T.S., G.M., L.B., J.B., C.M, R.G. & G.M.
Divine Mercy In loving memory of John McGuire by Wife, Peg
Divine Mercy Good health for Joe Richardson by Terry & Joe Richardson
Blessed Mother In loving memory of Joe & Joestelle by wife & mother
Blessed Mother Our special intentions by Karen & Leo Kayes
Sacred Heart Our special intentions by Karen & Leo Kayes
St. Ann Special intentions by Mary Kufro

Chapel

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

Feast of the Presentation Blessing of the candles will take place on Saturday, February 1st at 4:00 PM Mass and Sunday, February 2nd at 7:30 AM Mass and 10:00 AM Mass at Divine Mercy. Candles will then be available after Mass, available on weekends and also at the parish office. Candles are for home use – **All Blessed Candles \$ 4.00 – two candles per box.**



Feast of St. Blaisé - Blessing of Throats will only take place on Monday, February 3rd at 7:30 AM Mass.

A Simple Act of Care for 2025

As we pause and reflect on our blessings after the holidays and a busy winter season ahead, the Diocese of Allentown invites you to show simple act of care to yourself, your loved ones, and even [Parish]: **creating your will.** In thanks for your support, we partner with **FreeWill** so you can make a will and find peace of mind for the year ahead. It’s completely free to use and takes as little as 20 minutes. Please scan the QR code or visit <https://allentowndiocese.mygiftlegacy.org/> to get started.



**A New Group
for Divine Mercy Parish**

A few parishioners would like to form a group dedicated to spreading devotion to Divine Mercy. Various groups called Cenacles are active throughout the U.S. and the world. The Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy (EADM) is a lay Apostolate of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception based in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. The ministry promotes the Divine Mercy Message as given to St. Faustina Kowalska, prayer for the sick & dying, the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, pro-life, and more. There will be an organizational meeting for those wishing to learn more about the message of Divine Mercy Cenacle on Thursday, February 13th at 6:30 PM at the Fr. Ciszek Center. All are invited and encouraged to attend if you want to learn more about this devotion. Any questions, please contact Barbara Pukavige 570-789-4926 or Virginia 570-205-9417.

Well-Placed Faith

Our world is filled with pain, sorrow, and suffering. Putting our faith in worldly powers guarantees disappointment. Putting faith in God guarantees that we will never be disappointed.

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.



A special thank you to the parishioners & friends of Divine Mercy Parish for their generous holiday contributions.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Divine Mercy	25,024.00	25,562.88	23,304.24	23,931.00	24,771.00

Marian Catholic High School

Open House, Sunday, January 26th, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.... Tour the school, meet faculty and administration, and learn how to make a Marian education possible. For more information, contact Mary Milosh at 570-467-3335 ext. 117 or mmilosh@mariancatholic.org

Food Truck Again at Divine Mercy Parish..... Change of date!

Catholic Charities' Community Café Food Truck will be on site at the Divine Mercy Church Parish parking lot on **Thursday, January 30th** 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.



Shed Bad Habits in the New Year

Bad habits are sinful inclinations acquired through repetition. Unless we overcome them, they come between us and God and can destroy our peace. Working to overcome our bad habits puts us on the path to true holiness.

Identify the root. It sounds simple, but recognizing what causes us to sin repeatedly is the first step to overcoming the behavior. That doesn't mean it's easy to do. It can be uncomfortable to look at our failings, but change won't come without courage. Ask for help if you need it.

Replace a bad habit with a good one. Once we understand what is behind our bad habits, we can replace them with new and healthy ways to deal with the underlying issue. If we overeat or drink too much when stressed, for example, we can adopt exercise or meditation to cope instead.

Eliminate triggers. Make it easier to cure bad habits by avoiding the conditions that nurture them. Do you want to avoid eating junk food? Don't have it around you at home or at work. Want to change a gossip habit? Avoid the people with whom you gossip. Change your environment to change your behavior.

Find good influences. It may not be necessary to lose your old friends, but consider finding new ones who already live the way you want to live



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 FEBRUARY 1ST & 2ND

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM @ DM	Brophy,Marty	Heckard,Louise	Arias,Paco Jesus Hernandez,Omar
7:30 AM @ DM	Bronk, Cathy	Grochowski,Jennifer	Snitzer, Isabella
10:00 AM @ DM	Taylor,Anne	Sadusky,Joseph	Donovan,Joseph

December Lotto Winners

Ed & Fran Domkus	12/2	Eve	#315	\$50.00
Estelle DeLuca	12/6	Eve	#222	\$75.00
Ray Dunsavage	12/7	Eve	#314	\$50.00
Cynthia Skubel	12/8	Eve	#329	\$50.00
Paul Straka	12/9	Eve	#355	\$25.00
James Kufro	12/12	Day	#338	\$25.00
Finn & James	12/14	Eve	#141	\$25.00
Paul Straka	12/16	Eve	#355	\$50.00
Peg McGuire	12/17	Day	#303	\$25.00
Joann Zogby	12/20	Eve	#220	\$25.00
Joann Zoby	12/20	Day	#220	\$25.00
Alice Palek	12/21	Eve	#254	\$50.00
Karen Donchak	12/24	Day	#214	\$25.00
Georgine Sinkus	12/26	Day	#247	\$25.00
Betty Ann Bugden	12/30	Day	#322	\$25.00

Well-Placed Faith

Our world is filled with pain, sorrow, and suffering. Putting our faith in worldly powers guarantees disappointment. Putting faith in God guarantees that we will never be disappointed. *“Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to thy people Israel”* (Luke 2:29-32).

We Never Lose God’s Love

Have you ever had someone end a relationship with you because of a mistake you made or something you did wrong? It’s a terrible feeling to lose someone’s love. Fortunately, God’s love doesn’t depend on how good we are. Remember the parable Jesus told of the prodigal son (Luke 15)? No matter what the son’s transgressions, the father received him in complete love. That’s how God feels about us.

Think of God’s love as the light from the sun – it’s so bright we can’t comprehend it. Sometimes we close our eyes or pull the curtains to keep the light from coming in. It is still there, but we can’t experience it because we have shut it out. Sin shuts our hearts to God’s love.

To help, Jesus created the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Receiving absolution and being assured of God’s forgiveness opens our shuttered hearts so we can feel God’s love again. So whether or not we feel loved by God is up to us. All we have to do is ask.



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.
All Summer flowers must be removed!

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.



Financial Report – December

Net December Income	\$ 64,266.64	Expenses	\$ 35,441.80
		Insurance	\$ 7,422.00
		Assessments	\$ 4,023.00
Total Income	\$ 64,266.64	Total Expenses	\$ 46,886.80
		Net Income	\$ 17,379.84



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.

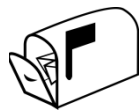
The Corporal Works of Mercy are these kind acts by which we help our neighbors with their material and physical needs.

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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 |

Mailing of Bulletins



If anyone would like the bulletin mailed to their home, we ask that you please contact the office. However, bulletins will be sent to only **shut-ins free of charge**. All others will need to **send a check or cash** to the parish office **for the postage**. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Others First

Most of us will never feel even a small part of the pain Jesus endured during his crucifixion. What is most amazing, however, is that Jesus was able to put aside his own incredible pain to think of others. From the Cross, he forgave his enemies, won the good thief’s soul, made final arrangements for his mother’s care, and prayed for his persecutors. He put others first. He asks that we do the same.

Always Hope

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

Nativity BVM High School is accepting applications for the position of **Head Girls Softball Coach** for the 2025 spring season. Head coaching experience preferred. Interested candidates should send resume, certifications and all clearances by January 25th to: Nativity BVM High School, Attn: Mrs. Lynn Sabol, Principal, One Lawtons Hill, Pottsville, PA 17901 or Isabol@nativitybvm.net

Parish Dues for 2025 for Divine Mercy Parish are now payable for any registered parishioner 21 years of age and older at the parish office, 108 West Cherry St. If dues are paid by January 31, 2025, dues are \$ 50.00 per individual. If paid after January 31, 2025, dues are \$ 60.00 per individual.

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 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.

Make Every Sunday the Lord's Day
"This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24). God wants us to have a day of rest each week. He felt it was so necessary that he made it a Commandment. While it is non-negotiable for God's people, a busy person may find it hard to do Sunday right. Try these tips for making Sunday the Lord's Day: **Attend Mass.** Both Jesus' Resurrection and Pentecost occurred on Sunday. There's no better way to celebrate the Lord's Day than to worship him during Mass on Sunday. **Schedule chores.** It's not very restful to stand in line at the grocery store or change the oil in your car. Try to accomplish chores and errands another day so you can spend time relaxing on Sunday. **Alternate entertainment.** Instead of turning on the TV or zoning on the smartphone, take a nice long drive, curl up with a good book, or visit friends or family. Do whatever it takes to recharge your spirit. **Create a unique prayer habit.** Offer prayers that you only say on Sundays. Read Scripture. Listen to sacred music. Take time to thank God for your blessings. **Protect the day.** Make Sunday a priority. Don't let anything interfere with your rest, peace, or worship. Let the Holy Spirit guide your day.

Nativity Happenings

Members of the Interact Club collected winter clothing during the month of November. Members of the club also collected diapers and all items were donated to Catholic Charities. The Interact Club sponsored a Red Cross Blood Drive on November 4, 2024. We met our goal and collected 35 units of blood. The club will sponsor this event again in the spring. The next event will be the writing of Christmas cards to the students in Pre-K through 2nd grade in our partner schools.

Nativity is currently accepting inquiries for enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year. Individual meetings, school tours and shadow days are being scheduled for possible enrollment. Please contact Mrs. Jenifer Daubert in the Development office with any enrollment questions.

OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION:

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year at Nativity is scheduled for Sunday, January 26, 2025 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the school. Faculty, staff, administration and coaches will be available to answer questions. Tours of the school will be given and tuition assistance drawings will be available that afternoon for those who register. Please contact Jennifer Daubert @ 622-8110 with any questions.



Many parishioners have asked about having past bulletins on our website: www.dmparish.com. Good news, we now have the past 6 months of bulletins on our website. All you have to do is go to our website, www.dmparish.com and click on About Us and Bulletin Archive and you can click on whichever one you would like to read.

How do I Know God Loves Me?

God's love isn't earned and can't be lost. Such an amazing gift almost sounds too good to be true. So, how do we know God's love is real?

He sent his Son to us. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

His closest friends told us so. St. Paul said, "For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39).

He watches over us. "Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'... your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well (Matthew 6:31-33).

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

