



Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of February 2, 2025

7:30 AM DM
6-6:30 PM DM

Monday, February 3, 2025
Theresa Campanicki by Paul Sherakas
Confessions

7:30 AM DM

Tuesday, February 4, 2025
Ed Wissell

7:30 AM DM

Wednesday, February 5, 2025
Patrick McDonald – 8th Anniversary of Death by Wife,
Mary & Family

1-4 PM Chapel

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:30 AM DM

Thursday, February 6, 2025
Michael Reese by Family

7:30 AM DM

Friday, February 7, 2025
Living & Deceased Members of Divine Mercy Parish

3:40PM DM
4:00 PM DM

Saturday, February 8, 2025
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Agnes Brennan by Keith G. Harkins

7:30 AM DM
9:40 AM DM
10:00 AM DM
12:30 PM DM

Sunday, February 9, 2025
Edward Kowalski Sr. by Skubel, Pytak & Kowalski Families
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Dave Bright by Daughter, Sandy
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

1/26 - \$ 5,667.00

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.

Do You Receive Church Envelopes?

If you are not receiving church envelopes and would like to be put on the list, please contact the parish office at 462-1968. Thank you.



Divine Mercy Memorial Fund
Geraldine (Kowalsky) Moore
 \$10 Walukiewicz Oravitz Fell F.H. Inc.
Aggie & Joe Waiksnoris on their birthday
 \$5 Dorothy & Romolo
 \$5 Pat, Diana, Debby & family
 \$5 Grandchildren
 \$5 Great grandchildren
Camille Derr
 \$10 Peter Ulicny
Charles Yablonsky
 \$25 M/M Martin Brophy
Sandra Kline
 \$10 Mary Lou Popalis
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
Divine Mercy In memory of Joseph Hardy 48th Anniversary of death by Daughter, Barb
Divine Mercy In thanksgiving & for special intentions by Pat T.
Divine Mercy Special intentions for Jackie by Maria
Blessed Mother Good health & God's blessings for Hunter Zellin by family
Blessed Mother In memory of Florence Filozof by Ray & Marilyn Filozof
Blessed Mother In memory of Phyllis Nicholas by Ray Wisniewski
Blessed Mother Good health & God's blessings for Dan Monlish by Ray Wisniewski
Blessed Mother In thanksgiving & for special intentions by Pat T.
Blessed Mother In loving memory of Rose & William Norris by Daughter, Cathy & family
St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
St. Ann In loving memory of Ann Kelly on her 1st anniversary of death by John & Louise Kelly & family
St. Joseph In honor, praise & thanksgiving
St. Joseph Return to good health for Murphy Navitsky by Wife, Jenny & family
OLMC Special intention by John Kelly family
OLMC Special intentions by Ann M. Lehman
Jesus Crucified – 14 day – for tolerance by Ann Futyma

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 memory of John & Helen Pukavige by children
Divine Mercy In loving memory of John McGuire by Wife, Peg
Blessed Mother In loving memory of Joe & Joestelle by wife & mother
Blessed Mother In memory of John & Helen Pukavige by children
Blessed Mother My brother, Jules & I would like to thank the Blessed Mother for the many years we have together by Gene
Blessed Mother To my lovely wife, Trish, thank you for 46 years of love and heaven... love Gene
Blessed Mother Our special intentions by Karen & Leo Kayes
Sacred Heart Our special intentions by Karen & Leo Kayes
Sacred Heart Special intentions by Mary Kufro
Sacred Heart Special intentions by P.T.

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 Candles will be available after Masses, 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 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

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, February 27th** 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.

**Divine Mercy Fundraiser
Krispy Kreme Donut Sale**



This year our parish will try a new fundraiser, Krispy Kreme Donuts

Name: _____ Phone : _____

I would like the following:

_____ **Glazed Donut – these come in dozen size only Price: \$12.00**

Following come in **half dozen** size only:

Cannot mix flavors to make the half dozen

Price: \$9.00 each

- _____ **Chocolate Iced Glazed**
- _____ **Glazed Lemon Filled**
- _____ **Glazed Raspberry Filled**
- _____ **Glazed White Crème Filled**



Please enclose money with order

Date of Pickup: Wednesday, March 12th

Time: 4:30 to 6:30 PM

Where: Trinity School

Deadline for orders: Monday, March 3rd

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule will be as follows:

Wednesday,	3/5	7:30 AM	Divine Mercy
		12:30 PM	Divine Mercy
		5:30 PM	Divine Mercy



Holy Simplicity

Holy simplicity, or “spiritual childhood,” starts with being who you are and not trying to be who you’re not — even in prayer. When we’re open-hearted with God, His grace can change our hearts. We grow in humility, trust, and love — the roots of “tough” virtues like courage, perseverance, and faithfulness

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 8TH & 9TH

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM @ DM	Lombard,Gina	Webb,Jacqueline	Arias,Paco Jesus Hernandez,Omar
7:30 AM @ DM	Daynorowicz,Nolan	Bronk,Cathy	Daynorowicz,Nolan
10:00 AM @ DM	Grochowski,Anne	Engle, Lillian	Rakus,Evan

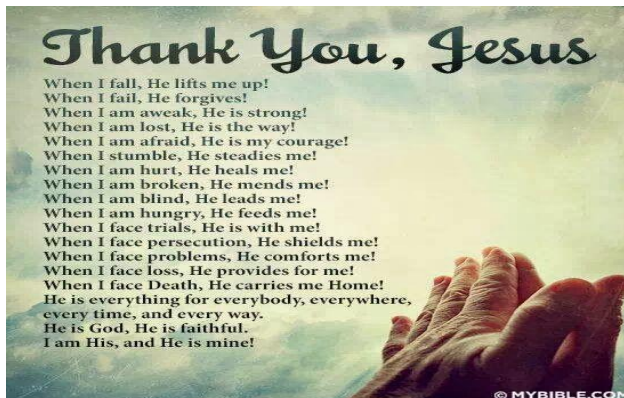
Does Being a “Good Catholic” Mean Following All the Rules Exactly?

The ancient Jews had a lot of rules. Jewish Law dictated what you could eat, how to stay ritually clean, and how to spend Saturdays. Yet, when asked what the most important commandment was, Jesus’ answer brought his listeners back to the basics: *“You shall love the Lord, you God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind...you shall love your neighbor as yourself”* (Matthew 22:37).
 Jesus didn’t give rules so much as he laid down principles. At the Last Supper, Jesus gave his disciples a New Commandment: *“Love one another as I love you”* (John 15:12). This New Commandment gives us the whole Law in its simplest form: Catholicism, at its heart, is about love—Christ-like love for God and others. Being a good Catholic isn’t about following all the rules perfectly for perfection’s sake, but about falling in love with God. Once that happens, following the Commandments and the Beatitudes takes care of itself. They cease to be rules and become a lifestyle.

“You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever” Psalm 16:11.

How Will You Fill Your God-Shaped Hole?

St. Augustine wrote, *“You have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Thee,”* (Confessions, Saint Augustine). Humans are created with a longing for something infinitely good, true, and beautiful - God. If we try to fill that longing with things that are not God, we are unsatisfied.
Make room. We pursue money, friends, power, or possessions, thinking that we will be happy if we accumulate enough. The problem is that earthly rewards don’t last and distract us from what does. King Solomon could have chosen all the riches, esteem, and power in the world but rejected all because they would distract him from God.
Value what lasts. *“For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God”* (Romans 8:7). Pleasure makes us feel good in the moment but fades so we need more to feel good. Worse, pursuit of pleasure can lead to sin. Pleasure is not happiness. Happiness results when God shares himself with us and we draw close to him.
Grow in love. Having received the gift of divine life, we must give it to others. *“Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another”* (1 John 4:11). When we share God’s life and love, we grow in that very life and love



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 |

Reasons to be Hopeful Right Now

It’s hard not to worry these days with reports of viruses and financial concerns. Yet we in God’s family have more reasons to be hopeful no matter how uncertain the world ... **God, our Father, knows what we need.** “If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him” (Matthew 7:11). He will take care of us when we trust him. **He can work miracles when we ask.** “Know that the Lord works wonders for the faithful; the Lord hears when I call out” (Psalm 4:4). “Be strong and of good courage, do not fear ... for it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you” (Deuteronomy 31:6). Just when life looks bleak, God can surprise us. **He will never abandon us.** “You, Lord, are near to all who call upon you ... (Psalm 145:18). Know that he is always close.

What do We Get From Prayer?

What do we get from spending time with someone we love? Prayer is spending time with God, our beloved, and learning to receive, experience and return his love in a genuine relationship. There is nothing more lovely or fulfilling than God.

We are told to “pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17), not because God needs our prayers, but because it’s good for us. “Prayer is the raising of one’s mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God” (CCC, #2559). However, prayer is about more than asking God for goodies.

In prayer, we thank God for his blessings, praise him for his goodness, and express sorrow for our sins. Through prayer, we find strength, peace, and comfort in difficult times.

In addition to God, prayer also connects us to each other. Intercessory prayer—praying for someone else—is powerful. Jesus responded in amazing ways to people who prayed for their friends (Mark 2:5, Matthew 15:28, Matthew 8:13). It starts with a personal relationship and prayer.

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.



Simple Ways to Live a Better Life

One consequence of a protracted pandemic is that we are almost forced to rethink the way we go about our daily lives. It's a good time to think about simplifying the way we live:

Live in the moment. We can't change the past and dwelling on the future is unproductive. The choices we make right now are all that count.

Avoid drama. There will always be someone whose situation is worse than our own. If you find yourself seeking attention and sympathy from other people – or get drawn in by those who do – try substituting activities you find positive and interesting instead. Prayer helps.

Talk less. Weigh your words before you say them. Spend more time listening.

Spend time with happy people. Connect in safe and healthy ways with people who are positive and want to improve their lives. Let go of those who drain your energy.

Work happy. No matter how you earn a paycheck, give it your very best effort. That turns any job into a blessing.



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.



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.

M & J Big Band The M & J Band is an 18 -piece big band to provide musical listeners with the great big band and jazz hits. Join the parishes of **Holy Cross & St. Clare of Assisi** for a wonderful night out. When: Saturday, February 22nd Where: Holy Cross Parish Center – 99 Lombard St., New Philadelphia Time: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Tickets are \$15.00 per person, \$25.00 per couple, OR reserve an entire table at a reduced cost of \$10.00 per person Tables of 6, 8 or 10 are available. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. .Call now to St. Clare of Assisi rectory to reserve your seat @ 429-0370...Don't miss out on a fun evening.

St. Ambrose Church (Schuylkill Haven) will be making a pilgrimage to Fátima and Lourdes while also visiting the great cities of Lisbon and Barcelona. We will depart on Wednesday, October 15 and return on Saturday, October 25th On our travels we will be visiting Santarém and the Church of St. Stephen, Salamanca and the university, Burgos and the cathedral which is a pilgrimage church on the Camino de Santiago, and Montserrat and the monastery. The high point of our pilgrimage will be stops in Fátima and Lourdes. The all-inclusive price of \$5,395 includes: basic tour & guided sightseeing, round-trip international airfare, fuel surcharges and government taxes, admin fees, entrance fees, hotel gratuities, and program fees, meals listed in the itinerary, deluxe motorcoaches, local transportation from St. Ambrose to Newark Airport and back, tips for your guide and driver, first-class hotels. For complete details including the full itinerary, please visit stambrosehaven.com or call Barbara at 570-385-1031. An Informational meeting will be held at St. Ambrose on Monday, February 24th at 6:00 PM. If you are interested in attending the meeting, please email stambroseoffice@comcast.net or call Barbara at 385-1031 to RSVP. This is not a commitment to the trip but will help us plan for refreshments at the meeting.

