



Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of February 16, 2025

Monday, February 17, 2025

7:30 AM DM Lillian Puza & Sister, Ann by Bob Toborowsky
6-6:30 PM DM Confessions

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

7:30 AM DM Suzanne Ellen Rittle & George Rittle by Rittle Family

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

7:30 AM DM Diane M. Kalyan by Kalyan Family
1-4 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, February 20, 2025

7:30 AM DM Good Health & God's Blessings For Joseph & Virginia McAndrew – 25th Wedding Anniversary by Family

Friday, February 21, 2025

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

Saturday, February 22, 2025

3:40PM DM Divine Mercy Chaplet
4:00 PM DM Edward John Miller – 14th Anniversary of Death by Sisters, Mary & Sally & Brother, Myles

Sunday, February 23, 2025

7:30 AM DM For All Those Who Are Buried In Our Parish Cemeteries
9:40 AM DM Divine Mercy Chaplet
10:00 AM DM Edward & Sophie Prosack by Son, John
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

2/9 - \$4,886.05



Daily Mass During the Winter

If local schools are closed, Divine Mercy Church will also be closed. Your Mass intention scheduled on that day, will be rescheduled.

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.

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
Loving memory of Diane M. Kalyan
 \$20 Husband, Ron & family
Nancy Bradshaw
 \$10 Denise Boris
John Alcaraz
 \$10 Paul Straka
Geraldine Moore
 \$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!

**- NOTIFICATION -
 PRICE INCREASE**

Homemade Pierogies are now available at the parish office.... Due to the prices of food increasing, our pierogies will now be **\$9.00 per dozen.**



Devotional Candles
Divine Mercy
 Sanctuary In memory of my beloved Parents & Sister, Angelo & Enrica & Jean Romano by Ann Romano
 Blessed Mother Continued good health for Hunter Zellin and Larry Dettery by family
 Blessed Mother Continued good health for Hunter Zellin by Ray Kendricks
 Blessed Mother Good health & God's blessings for Joseph "Murph" Navitsky by Paul Straka
 Blessed Mother Good health & God's blessings for Joni Wallace by Paul Straka
 Blessed Mother Continued good health & God's blessings for Hunter Zellin by Paul Straka
 Blessed Mother In memory of Regina & Eugene Straka by Paul Straka
 Blessed Mother A full recovery for Angelina & new born Son, Andrew Richard Velousky by Maloney & Velousky families
 St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
 St. Ann In memory of Paul Pecunas 11th anniv. of death ... love & miss you by wife, Eileen
 St. Joseph In honor, praise & thanksgiving
 St. Joseph In loving memory of our dear "Pop" Buchinsky by family
 Sacred Heart Belated heavenly birthday blessings 2/14 for my Son, Bill Creasy... love & miss you, Mom
St. Casimir
 Sanctuary Our special intentions by Karen & Leo Kayes
 Czestochowa Good health for family by Terry & Joe Richardson
 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., C.M., G.M., J.B., L.B., R.G. and G.S.
 Divine Mercy Special intentions for Christopher, Hope, Marc, Gen, Benjamin, Morgan, Aubree, Eleanor, Gianna, Owen, Oliver & Reni
 Blessed Mother In loving memory of Joe & Joestelle by wife & mother
 Blessed Mother Special intentions, in thanksgiving & good health for Msgr. Bocian, Stephen Bocian, Estelle McLaren, Joanne Demko, Scarlet Henry, Frankie Pettinato, Christa, Joe & Chris
 Blessed Mother In loving memory of John McGuire by Wife, Peg
 Blessed Mother To a great friend with a heart of gold, Mary Sko... God bless you we love you, Gene & Trish
 Blessed Mother Our special intentions by Karen & Leo Kayes
 Sacred Heart Our special intentions by Karen & Leo Kayes
 Sacred Heart In loving memory of my Dad, George Rittle by Daughter, Maria
 Sacred Heart In memory of John & Helen Pukavige by children
 Sacred Heart Special intentions for Christopher, Marc & Christa
 St. Anthony Special intentions for Christopher, Marc & Christa
 St. Anthony Missing my Parents, Anthony & Helene Seroka by Daughter, Janet Lukashunas
Chapel
 Sanctuary In memory of Gino Bruni by wife & family
 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.**



Profit.....\$11,525.86

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard at our fall food sale and to those who supported our Parish. It is greatly appreciated.

St. Jerome Emiliani

St. Jerome led a wayward life while a soldier until he was captured in battle and turned back to God. Soon after returning to Venice, he began studying for the priesthood and was ordained in 1518. With the devastation from the war came famine and plague. At his own expense, St. Jerome cared for the victims left behind, especially the children. For this purpose, he and some companions founded the Clerks Regulars of Somasca, in Somasca, Italy.

Imitating Christ in the World

When Jesus said, “*I am the way*” (John 14:6), He meant for us to follow Him and live as He lived. He ate, slept, worked, and cared for friends and family, much like we do. Now, ordinary life, lived in union with Christ, can be an opportunity of grace for us.

“All the feasts in the Church’s calendar are events of remembrance and hence events of hope.” Pope Benedict XVI

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.

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



**Lenten Day of Prayer Wednesday, March 12th
8:15 AM to 6:00 PM - Chapel**

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus - Philippians 4:6-7

“God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer.” –

Mother Teresa

- 8:15 AM to 6:00 PM - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration in Chapel

Sign in sheets will be available in the vestibule closer to our Lenten Day of Prayer

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 22ND & 23RD

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM @ DM	Elchisak, Michele	Brophy, Marty	Arias, Paco Jesus Hernandez, Omar
7:30 AM @ DM	Daynorowicz, Nolan	Bronk, Cathy	Daynorowicz, Nolan
10:00 AM @ DM	Nowak, Cynthia	Engle, Lillian	Donovan, Joseph

DIVINE MERCY PARISH

School Office: 233 West Cherry St. Shenandoah, PA 17976
 Phone: 570-462-3927 E – Mail: pmount229@gmail.com

2025 - 2026

Pre-school Program

Under the Direction of Mrs. Sharon Tobin, B.A. Exceptional Child Study
 Sr. Patricia Mount, IHM, Program Coordinator

At the Fr. Walter Ciszek Education Center
 (formerly Trinity Academy)
 233 W. Cherry Street, Shenandoah, PA 17976

AGES 3, 4 and 5

HALF & FULL DAY PRE-SCHOOL CLASSES

8:00 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M. FULL DAY: MONDAY - FRIDAY
8:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M. HALF DAY MORNINGS
11:30 A.M. TO 2:20 P.M. HALF DAY AFTERNOONS

Our Pre-School Program follows a modified Montessori method to prepare your child for the world of learning and his/her admission to Kindergarten. Attendance five days per week allows your child to benefit by participating in more of the learning opportunities provided.

Our curriculum is as follows:

- Angel Time - Developing a friendship with Jesus through Bible stories and prayer
- Language Arts
- Basic Math Concepts
- Science & Health - as it pertains to the world of a Pre-school child
- Social Studies - customs and traditions
- Art
- Music
- Computer & Library Skills
- Motor Skills Development/Gym Class
- Readiness Skills - listening, following directions, using manners, and interacting with others, etc.



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 |

Why do Catholics Strike Their Chests?

When we use our voices, our minds, and even our bodies during prayer, we pray with deeper meaning and enthusiasm. During the Confiteor at Mass, for example, we strike our chest three times, saying, “through my fault, through my fault, through *my most grievous* fault.” It’s an ancient symbol of sorrow and repentance for having offended God or hurting our neighbor. Such a gesture reminds us to take responsibility for our actions and pray for forgiveness and grace to change..

The Keys to Holiness

Holiness will help us to get to Heaven and comes when we surrender to God’s will and put all of our trust in him. **Courage.** During the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5), Jesus said, **“blessed are the poor in spirit, blessed are they who mourn,”** and promised that when we turn to God in times of trial, we will be comforted and cared for. Trusting God in difficult times takes courage. **Discipline.** Jesus makes it clear that we must apply the correct principles to our habits and use God’s laws as our standards. When he talked about **“the meek, the merciful, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,”** he was giving us a ruler. We are to measure our behavior against these standards to see if we are on the right path to holiness. **Endurance.** Only a true follower of Christ can put the Sermon on the Mount fully into practice. It takes endurance to combine holy inner attitudes with these outward actions and keep it up for life.



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.

Serenity Prayer

GOD, GRANT ME THE
SERENITY TO ACCEPT
THE THINGS I CANNOT
CHANGE,
COURAGE TO CHANGE
THE THINGS I CAN,
AND WISDOM TO KNOW
THE DIFFERENCE.

What is My Responsibility to God?

Once you have come to know God, and what he has revealed about himself, he must come first in your life. *“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind”*(Matthew 22:37). This is not oppressive. On the contrary, if we love someone, we make changes so they can have a meaningful part of our lives. Their joys and sorrows become our own, and vice versa. This is true of God, whose very nature it is to love. Jesus said, *“If you love me, you will keep my commandments”* (John 14:15). If we truly love him, we would do to what he tells us to do: *“Love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends”* (John 15:12-13). God loved us enough to create us, suffer and die for us, rise from the dead for us, redeem and forgive us. How can we ignore a love like that?

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.

Save the Date! Assumption BVM’s HSA will host its **Annual Cash & Gift Card Bingo on Sunday, April 6th at St. Ambrose’s Parish Center**. Doors open at **11:30 AM**, and bingo begins at **1:00 PM**. Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon with exciting games, great prizes, and delicious food. More details to come—we hope to see you there!

Eat In or Take Out Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by St. Patrick Church on Sunday, March 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.

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 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.

Q&A: I Make Terrible Decisions. How Can I do Better?

It’s true that bad decisions can lead to sin. Try to take a formal approach to decision making. **Get all the facts.** That helps you know your options. **Pray.** Place yourself in God’s presence and ask for his guidance. **Listen to your conscience.** Your conscience is the ability within you that helps you discern right from wrong. “Moral conscience, present at the heart of the person, enjoins him ... to do good and to avoid evil. It also judges particular choices, approving those that are good and denouncing those that are evil.” (CCC #1777). **Choose to do the right thing,** choose to follow your conscience. This requires courage. **Ask for help.** When in doubt, ask a trusted advisor. **Be accountable.** Take responsibility for any decisions you make and for their consequences. Although blaming others in some cases is justified, it usually is not productive. **Admit mistakes.** Learn from mistakes you make and apply what you have learned to future situations. Don’t get thrown by errors. Continue to persevere, despite setbacks.

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