



Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of May 22, 2022

Monday, May 23, 2022

6:45 AM DM **Irene Bashus** by Allan Bashus
2-4 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6-6:30 PM DM **Confessions**

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

6:45 AM DM **Paul Sadusky** by Children, Paula & Heather

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

6:45 AM DM **Jack Wright** by Charlotte & Dave Kriner
2-4 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
5:30 PM SC Parents, Emmett & Mary & Brothers, Bob & Jerry Oravitz
by Daughter/Sister, Mary Ann

Thursday, May 26, 2022 – Ascension Thursday

6:45 AM DM **John & Helen Pukavige** by Patsy Bright
7:00 PM DM **Living & Deceased Priests – Diocese of Allentown**
(En espanol)

Friday, May 27, 2022

6:45 AM DM **Joan Abraham**
2-4 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, May 28, 2022

8:00 AM DM **Bernard & Joann Kacelowicz** by Carol & Bob
4:00 PM DM **Julius & Helen Venusti** by Son, Thomas

Sunday, May 29, 2022

7:30 AM SC **Deceased Members of the Phoenix Fire Company**
9:40 AM SC **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
10:00 AM SC **Living & Deceased Members of the Polish American Fire Company**
12:30 PM DM **Living & Deceased Priests – Diocese of Allentown**
En espanol

“The clergy and religious of the Diocese of Allentown continue to stand ready to provide steadfast support and prayers during this difficult time,” said Bishop Schlert. “Just as St. Joseph protected the Holy Family, we turn to St. Joseph to protect us at this time of uncertainty and pandemic.” We invite all the faithful who are quarantined during this time and unable to receive Holy Communion, to offer their prayers for healing throughout the world. Pray the Holy Rosary, on www.EWTN.com/tv/shows/sunday-Mass-live. Pray this prayer for spiritual communion and set aside time for prayer with the Sacred Scriptures of the day – go to www.wordamongus.org.

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

Divine Mercy Collections

May 15th - \$ 3612.00

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.

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 mantle. Pray for us and help us. Amen.



Masks must be worn in the parish office due to COVID cases in Schuylkill County.



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From Father Dene for all the cards, candles and good wishes for my 64th anniversary in the priesthood. I will continue to keep all the parishioners and their families in my daily prayers.



Divine Mercy Church Memorial Fund

John Quick
 \$20 Ed & Melanie Boxter
James Heckard
 \$20 Ann Romano
 \$10 Louis & Donna Kowalski & family
Edward Michalik
 \$20 Ann Romano
 \$10 Louise Heckard
In loving memory of Rose Marie (Cihucki) Koury
 \$5 Husband & children
Edward Risko
 \$10 Mary Ellen Matunis
Antoinette Grutza
 \$25 Dempsey & Herskowitz families
David Bright
 \$50 Wife, Patricia
 \$50 Children & grandchildren
 \$20 Janet Antz
 \$10 Parker family
 \$10 Loretta Skubel
 \$10 Mary & Frank Avolio
 \$10 Steve & Brad Oravitz
 \$10 Georgine Sinkus
 \$5 Rosanne Hall
Father Walter Ciszek Chapel Memorial Fund
David Bright
 \$50 Barbara Pukavige
Mary Kozlosky
 \$10 Mary Stanulis

Office Hours the Week of May 23rd:

Mon., May 23rd – 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM
 Wed., May 25th – 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM
Thurs., May 26th – 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM



Our office will be closed on Fri., May 27th and Mon., 30th for Memorial Day. The office will reopen on Wed., June 1st at 8:30 AM.

Office Hours the Week of May 30th:

Closed - Monday, May 30th
Wednesday, June 1st - 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM and
Thursday, June 2nd - 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Please note: our office will be closed every Tuesday and Friday for the summer.

Devotional Lamps

Divine Mercy

Sanctuary In memory of my beloved parents & sister, Angelo & Enrica & Jean Romano by Ann Romano
 Divine Mercy Prayers & good health for J.M., S.M., M.S., A.M., T.S. G.M. & R.G. by M/M John Maskornick
 Blessed Mother In memory of Albert Jr. Albert Sr., Anna, George & Regina Discavage by Irene
 St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
 Sacred Heart In memory of Gloria Bellucci by family
 OLMC In memory of Louis & Marion Chapley by Mary Ann & Bob Budd
 OLMC Special intentions by Ann Marnell Lehman
 OLMC Special intentions for John Kelly family
 St. Joseph In memory of Connell & Karvois families by Marilyn Connell
 St. Joseph In memory of Joseph Jurewicz – 6th anniversary of death by Rose Marie Jurewicz
 Guadalupe Agustin Macaria Emanuel Relles Educardo Tomaza Brigida Golla Domingo by familia Barcenaz Barrientos

St. Casimir

Sanctuary In loving memory of my dad in heaven, George Rittle by daughter, Maria
 Divine Mercy In loving memory of Frank Macus by Fran & Maria
 Divine Mercy Special intentions by Louis & Donna Kowalski
 Divine Mercy Speedy recovery for Ann Romano by Ed & Fran Domkus
 Divine Mercy Special intentions for Christopher, Hope, Benjamin, Morgan, Marc & Danni & good health for our family
 Blessed Mother In loving memory of John T. McGuire by Peg
 Blessed Mother In memory of John & Helen Pukavige by children
 Blessed Mother In memory of John Caulfield – rest in peace & for strength & grace for his son, mother, siblings & loved ones by Terry & Mike Gilliam
 Blessed Mother Special intentions, in thanksgiving & good health for Msgr. Bocian, Fr. Dene, Brian Rooney, George Huss & Rosanne & Wally Hally
 Blessed Mother In memory of Jack Karpovich by Elaine Tutko & Pat Lapatovich
 Sacred Heart In memory of our brother, Walter A. Barlow on his 75th birthday 5/22 by sisters, June & Sharon
 Sacred Heart In memory of Anthony Zubowicz Jr. on his birthday 5/27 by Sharon & Joe Sadusky
 St. Ann Special intentions by Mary Kufro

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



To an anonymous donor for their generous donation of \$500.00 to the parish. Your generosity and support of our parish is greatly appreciated.

May 22 - St. Rita of Cascia (1457). Unwillingly married off to a cruel husband at the age of twelve, St. Rita spent eighteen unhappy years before being widowed. After her sons died of illness, she became an Augustinian nun. She was known for her devotion to prayer and charity.

May 29 - Ascension of the Lord. This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and his triumphant entry into Heaven.

Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated on **Monday, May 30th at 8:00 AM** at Divine Mercy Church.



What is a Sacrament?

“The sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us” (CCC 1131).

We have seven sacraments:

Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Matrimony, and Holy Orders. While the sacraments are not the only way we can receive grace, they are the normal way in which we do. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are united in love. Grace allows us to participate in that divine love.



Why Does Mary Wear a Blue Mantle?

In the Old Testament, the Ark of the Covenant was covered in blue (or “violet”) fabric for traveling (Numbers 4:5-6). God’s Presence would “rest” on the Ark as a king sits on his throne (Exodus 25:22). When Mary agreed to be the mother of Jesus (i.e. God), she became his living “resting place.” In art, Mary’s blue mantle signals she is the *new* Ark of the Covenant.

Blue also indicates Mary’s royal status. Since Jesus is the King of Heaven, Mary is the Queen Mother. In Biblical times, the mother (not the wife) of the king was the queen. She wasn’t as powerful as the king, but her intercession with him had significant influence. Mary is not God, but her intercessory prayers for us are powerful because she is Jesus’ mother. When we consider that Mary is also *our* mother by grace, her blue mantle invites us to entrust our concerns to her. Rather than an obstacle to Jesus, Mary leads us directly to him by the surest, safest path

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MAY 28TH AND 29TH

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM	Gina Lombard	Marty Brophy	None
7:30 AM	Joseph Selvocki	Jennifer Grochowski	Nolan Daynorowicz
10:00 AM	Anne Taylor	Frances Domkus	Caesar Estrada

Because We Are Catholic

Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120.00 gift to the Appeal may be setup with the six \$20.00 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. Your generosity funds the annual budget for important Diocesan ministries in our area. You can make your gift online at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.

Lord, Give Me Patience Now.”

Followers of Jesus are called to treat everyone with love. Yet many of us find that it is hard to be patient with others, but patience is a key ingredient necessary to showing love. To acquire it, practice makes patience:

Exercise. Patience is like a muscle. We need to exercise it every day, but in a society of instant everything, we are losing opportunities. Find ways to practice such as reading a book all the way through without skipping to the end. Plant a seed and care for it until it blooms. Cook from scratch. Then patience will be available when you need it.

Learn your warning signs. Take note of events that make your heart race, your palms sweat, or your breath quicken so that you can identify and anticipate challenges to your patience before they happen.

Flip it around. Impatience with others often comes from imposing our ideas on them. What if you were expected to live or act according to someone else’s ideas or opinions? You probably wouldn’t like it. Try practicing acceptance of others instead.

Step out of it. Often we get annoyed because we assume what others do is meant to offend. In fact, it is unlikely that others’ actions are intended to be personal. Give people the benefit of the doubt from the first.

Laudato Si` Week: All are invited to celebrate the 7th Anniversary of Pope Francis' Encyclical, *Laudato Si` : On Care for Our Common Home* with the School Sisters of St. Francis at Monocacy Manor, 395 Bridle Path Rd., Bethlehem 18017.

Sun 5/22 - Noon - Outdoor Mass followed by tour of Monocacy Farm Project, **Tuesday 5/24 - 7:00 PM** - Interfaith Prayer Service, **Wed, 5/25 - 7:00 PM** - Family Movie Night ("The Biggest Little Farm"), **Thursday 5/26 - 6:30 PM** - "Birds, Bees, Flowers, & Trees" Family Workshop (Bring age-appropriate scissors). **Everything is free** - please **bring a lawn chair for all indoor/outdoor activities, including Mass**. For more info visit schoolsistersosf.org/common-home or call (610) 867-8494.

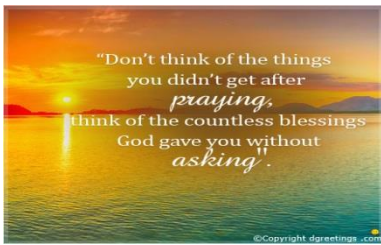
Why do Catholics Call the Eucharist the “Real Presence”?

At the Last Supper, Jesus said, “*This is my body...this is the cup of my blood*” (Matthew 26:26-28) over the bread and wine, and so it was. He commanded His Apostles, and the priests after them, to do the same at every Mass (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1375). When we receive Communion, we’re literally heart-to-Heart with Jesus. The details are a mystery, but that doesn’t stop Jesus from coming to us, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharist.

Adult Confirmation at the Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday

Bishop Schlert will celebrate the 11:30 AM Mass on Pentecost Sunday, June 5th at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown, wherein he will confirm adults of our Diocese. Those to be confirmed are those adults (eighteen years of age or older) who were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, received their First Communion, are catechized, but never confirmed. Please contact your pastor or Sister Helene to discuss registration details.

Divine Mercy Parish Pierogies are available at the parish office \$ 7.00 per dozen.



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.



Open Enrollment at Assumption BVM School in Pottsville has begun for the 2022-2023 school year! Now accepting new students! Limited spots available in Kindergarten through Grade 8. Transportation is available from most neighboring districts. Please contact Mrs. Tara Mengel at 570-622-0106 or tmengel@assumptionbvmschool.net for more information, to schedule a tour or shadow day for your student.

Our next Prayer Group will be held on Thursday, June 2nd at 6:30 PM at the Father Ciszek Center.

Bible Group Friday, June 10th at 9:30 AM at the Father Ciszek Center

There will be no Franciscan Group in June

For more information, call Sr. Marietta 590-0435 or the parish office 462-1968.



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel with the Annual Novena

will begin on July 7th. The Novena Mass will be at 8:00 AM each day. The final Mass will be held on Sunday, July 17th at 8:30 AM with Procession following.

DIVINE MERCY PARISH FOOD SALE

Will be held on

Friday, July 15th from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Saturday, July 16th from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM and
Sunday, July 17th from Noon to 6:00 PM



In Divine Mercy Parish Parking Lot

Our Menu will consist of: Bar-B-Que, Bleenies, Haluskie, Hamburgers, Meatball Hoagies, Homemade Pierogies, Homemade Dill Pickles, Kielbasy Hoagies, Porketta, Spanish Food, Wedding Soup & Desserts

Cash Prize Raffles will also be available and Mega Prize Chances

The Christian Life is Richer With Virtues

A virtue is a disposition to do the good. Virtues help us to perform good acts and give the best of ourselves. God gives us the theological virtues – faith, hope, and charity – to help us live as his children.

Live with faith. Through the gift of faith, we can believe in God, in all he has revealed, and all the Catholic Church teaches. Living by faith means our thoughts and actions are based on these convictions. "... *For we walk by faith, not by sight*" (2 Corinthians 5:7).

Live with hope. Believing that all things are possible with God, Catholics hope for a better world, hope that we will become the people God created us to be and hope we unite with him in Heaven. Family, friends, and the world around us are savored as God's glorious gifts.

Live with charity. Charity is loving God for who he is and loving others because he asked. "*And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony*" (Colossians 3:14).

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 parroquial (108 W.Cherry St., Shenandoah. Teléfono 570 (4621968) para reservar fechas y rellenar formularios. El proceso es muy fácil.



Father's Day Spiritual Envelopes are included in with your May envelopes. These fathers will be remembered in a special Mass on Father's Day and also during the month of June. You may place more than one name on an envelope.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

When: Every 1st Sunday of the month Time: 3:00 PM
Where: St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Mahanoy City

**Open Registration for the 2022-2023
Divine Mercy Pre-school Program**

Under the Direction of Mrs. Sharon Tobin, B.A. Exceptional Child Study. Pre-school will be held at the Fr. Walter Cizek Education Center (Trinity Academy), 233 W. Cherry Street, Shenandoah, PA 17976 - Phone 462-3927. Children ages 3, 4 and 5 welcome for half and/or full day Pre-school classes Monday through Friday. 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. Please call Sr. Patricia Mount at 462-3927 for more information or to request a registration packet. **Registrations will be taken through June.** Please mark this on your calendar.

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 MarieJohnson, 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.

Marian Catholic High School

Information Session, Monday, June 6th from 5:30 PM-7:00 PM. Come take a tour of the school, meet some students and staff, and get all your questions answered. Transfer grants available for incoming sophomores & juniors. Please call or email Mary Milosh to RSVP: mmilosh@mariancatholic.org /467-3335 Ext. 116

Financial Report for the Month of March 2022

Net March	Income	\$ 36,092.28	Expenses	\$ 39,876.27
			Insurance	\$ 7,422.00
			Assessments	\$ 4,023.00
	Total Income	\$ 36,092.28	Total Expenses	\$ 51,321.27
	Expenses over income	\$ 15,228.99	This shows a loss of	\$ 15,228.99



Don't Forget, We Have
Online Giving

My Dear Parishioners,

Divine Mercy Parish has online giving. It is very simple to use. All you have to do is go to our website: dmparish.com and click on the link for on-line giving. You can choose to make a onetime gift, recurring gift (weekly, monthly) or you can make a pledge and pay the pledge off in installments by credit card. Your credit card would get charged accordingly to the gift and time frame chosen. You are also able to give to a second collection.

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
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Upcoming Events

Knights of Columbus, Council 618, 201 West Cherry St. Shenandoah will sponsor a Hoagie Sale on the following dates from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM: June 14th, July 12th, August 9th, September 13th and October 11th. Advance Orders call 462-1430 or 590-1188. Local delivery only. Choice of Hoagies: Regular, Italian & Ham & Cheese \$ 6.00 each.

Swahili Mass Fr. Barnabas Shayo, A.J., will celebrate a Swahili Catholic Mass on June 5th at 2:00 PM, in St. Patrick Church. All are welcome to experience the African way of celebrating Mass. There will be African food, soft drinks, and banana beer at the Parish Center following Mass. To be able to plan well for this event, please RSVP by May 23 by calling Debbie at 622-1802, ext. 0.

Fr. Barnabas will offer classes every Wednesday on the several parts of the Swahili Mass to help attendees be able to participate fully during Mass.

St. Mary’s Church Block Party will be held on Friday, June 10th from 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM and Saturday, June 11th from 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM. Live music on Saturday – Sakes Alive. Third Annual Horseshoe Tournament on June 11th – registration at 10:00 AM and tournament begins at 11:00 AM - \$ 20.00 per person if interested, please call 985-7311. Homemade food, beer, raffle tickets, basket auction, games, great band, great company. Rain or shine.

St. Patrick Church, Pottsville presents TRIVIA NIGHT on Wednesday, June 15th. Doors open at 6:30 PM; Trivia starts at 7:00 PM in St. Patrick Parish Center (313 Mahantongo Street, Pottsville). \$250.00 for the winning team. Tickets (per person): \$10.00 in advance; \$15.00 at the door. BYOB. Refreshments available for purchase. Please call Debbie at 622-1802, ext. 0 for tickets or more information.

11 Easy Ways to Show Love

“This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” John 13:35.

1. **If someone makes you mad**, anonymously gift that person with a flower or sweet treat daily until you are over it.
2. **Light a candle every Sunday** and pray for a different person each time.
3. **Open the door** for a someone.
4. **Choose a picture or an article from the newspaper** and pray for the people involved.
5. **Put a quarter in an expired parking meter.**
6. **Invite someone with whom you disagree** to coffee and listen more than you talk.
7. **Leave a gift for someone in a random public place** such as on a park bench, at a bus stop, the library, a coffee house, or restaurant.
8. **Tutor a young person in reading.** Perhaps your parish school needs volunteers or call your local school district to be matched up with a school or reading program.
9. **Talk to the person at the party who isn’t having fun.** You will be showing great kindness to someone who struggles with socializing.
10. **Choose your words carefully.** Use your words to bless, heal, or bring peace.
11. **Let cars go in front of you in traffic.** Let someone go in front of you in line at the grocery store.

May 25 – Pope St. Gregory VII (1085). During dark days for the Church, Pope Gregory worked to eliminate simony (the buying and selling of sacred offices), unlawful marriages of the clergy, and lay investiture (kings and nobles appointing Church officials). St. Gregory fought attacks on the authority of the Church. For this he suffered and died in exile.