



Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of August 28, 2022

Monday, August 29, 2022

6:45 AM DM **Living & Deceased Members of Divine Mercy Parish**
 2-4 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 6-6:30 PM DM Confessions

Tuesday, August 30, 2022

6:45 AM DM **Teofil Galezniak** by Alicia Senavaitis

Wednesday, August 31, 2022

6:45 AM DM **Casimir Francis Puza** by Bob Toborowsky
 2-4 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, September 1, 2022

6:45 AM DM **Sister Delphine & Sister Vivian** by Bob & Rita

Friday, September 2, 2022

6:45 AM DM **Robert M. Medinsky** by Rosemary Guida
 2-4 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, September 3, 2022

8:00 AM DM **Robert Ford** by Ann Louise Conroy
 1:00 PM SC **Klinger - Lukashunas Nuptials**
 3:45 PM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
 4:00 PM DM **For All Those Who Are Remembered In Our Memorial Fund**

Sunday, September 4, 2022

7:30 AM SC **Rosemary Shustack** by M/M John Harkins
 9:40 AM SC **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
 10:00 AM SC **Irene Avenoso** by Sylvia Yonelonis
 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

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.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

When: Every 1st Sunday of the month

Time: 3:00 PM

Where: St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Mahanoy City

Divine Mercy Collections

Will be announced at a later date!



Date for Confirmation:
Tuesday, October 18, 2022
at 4:30 PM
at Divine Mercy Parish.





From Father Dene

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, candles and cards which were received for my birthday. I will continue to keep the parishioners of Divine Mercy Parish in my daily prayers.

Love and Live Your Faith

Faith in God is not a passive virtue resting in the background of our lives. Belief and love for God compels us to an active life of serving, sharing, and living our faith daily.

Embrace excellence. All that we do becomes a prayer when we give our employers, communities, neighborhoods and families our best abilities in God’s name.

Celebrate the Eucharist. No Catholic life is complete without weekly Mass attendance. Do what is necessary so you can receive Communion.

Become family. Register in your parish and look for ways to get involved in a parish ministry, such as lecturing, ushering, singing, or becoming a Eucharistic minister.

Be joyful. Scripture comforts us with the assurance that God will not rest until we find our way home to him. Reject Earthly worry and live with joy. God is in control.

Forgive often. Learn to practice this critical skill – and to ask for it when needed.

Flee temptation. St. Peter tells us to “escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires” (2 Peter 1:4). Ask God often to protect you from sin, to give you the wisdom and courage to make good choices.

Listen to God. Be sensitive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. God will reveal when you’ve messed up, and rejoice with you when you get it right.

“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed” (Luke 1:46-48).

Devotional Lamps

Divine Mercy

- Sanctuary In memory of my beloved parents & sister, Angelo & Enrica & Jean Romano by Ann Romano
- Blessed Mother In memory of Albert Jr. Albert Sr., Anna, George & Regina Discavage by Irene
- St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
- St. Joseph In memory of Connell & Karvois families by Marilyn
- OLMC In memory of Bill Racis by Dorothy & Romolo

St. Casimir

- Sanctuary In loving memory of my dad, 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 In loving memory of John T. McGuire by wife, Peggy
- Blessed Mother In memory of Helen Rittle by daughter, Lisa
- Blessed Mother In loving memory of Joseph Cugusi Jr. on his birthday 8/28 by mom, dad, brother & aunt

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

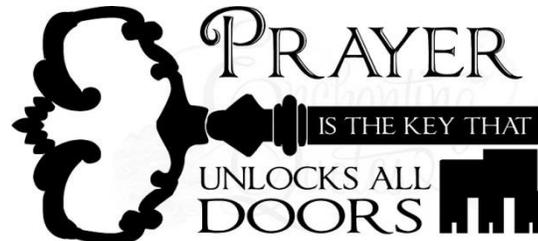
Choose to Live a Free Life

God gave us free will so we can make our own choices and be free. Popular culture tells us freedom means doing whatever we choose even if that includes sin. Yet, true freedom is being open to God’s love and closed to sin. *“Live as free men, yet without using your freedom as a pretext for evil”* (1 Peter 2:16). We are at our freest when we choose for good.

Don’t give away your freedom. Sin can overtake us without our noticing. For example, sharing one juicy secret may make us feel popular but over time, gossip can become a habit we can’t control. A nightly examination of the day can help identify sinful actions before they become habits. Monthly visits to the Sacrament of Reconciliation will also sharpen that sense of sin.

Freely choose love. God won’t force us to love him; he hopes we will choose it. Often, we don’t approach him because we feel unworthy, guilty, or distant. Instead, choose to believe that God’s love is stronger than our sin or guilt. When we have faith that he loves us, we are free to love him back.

Choose for good. Consistently making good and moral choices in today’s society is hard but it leads to great reward. The more we choose good, the freer we become.



His Temple

St. Paul teaches that *“your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own.”* We understand it is unhealthy to overeat or abuse drugs or alcohol. Yet, we don’t always acknowledge the harm of watching movies and television shows with violence or sex, or listening to music with profane lyrics. God’s temple deserves respect. *“Therefore, glorify God in your body”* (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

Special Hours

Mon., Aug. 29th 9:00 AM to Noon
 Wed., Aug. 31st 9:00 AM to Noon
 Thurs., Sept. 1st 9:00 AM to Noon



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 5th for the Labor Day Holiday.
 The office will reopen on Tuesday, September 6th at 8:30 AM.



Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA

On the weekend of September 10th & 11th, there will be a second collection after Communion for the Archdiocese Military. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Bulletin News... our bulletin is sent out on a Monday by noon. If you would like a candle or memorial or any type of information placed in the bulletin, our office needs the information by 11:00 AM on a Monday. The bulletin company prints the bulletin as soon as it is sent to them.

Why Religion?

Religion is the bond which unites us to God. To neglect our Catholic faith is like refusing food or rest that keep your body healthy and functioning. Nurturing our Catholic faith is necessary for the eternal life of our souls.

Begin to Change

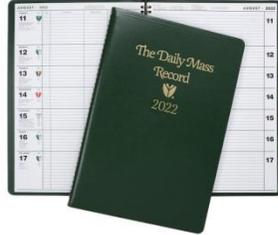
“Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin.” Saint Teresa of Calcutta



WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 3RD AND 4TH

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM	Elchisak, Michele	McGauley, Delmy	_____
7:30 AM	Bronk, Cathy	Cieslukowski, Linda	Daynorowicz, Nolan
10:00 AM	Taylor, Anne	Sadusky, Joseph	Selbi, Jennifer

CHANGE OF DATE!



2023 Mass Book for Divine Mercy Parish will open on Wednesday, October 18th. The Diocesan Mass Stipend is set at \$ 10.00. When requesting a Mass for 2023, the stipend must be paid before it can be written in the Mass Book. Each parishioner will be allowed **one weekday Mass and one weekend Mass.** Please note: For every Mass for 2023 we will be asking for a contact name, address and phone number. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter! Remember, the Mass Book fills up quickly! Candles will also be taken for 2023 at this time. If you would like to have a candle lit on a special day in any of the parishes, it is important that you notify us as soon as possible. The dates fill quickly.



JUST A REMINDER OF OUR OFFICE HOURS BEGINNING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5TH

Monday 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM
 Closed Labor Day, September 5th
 Tuesday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
 Wednesday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
 Thursday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
 Friday CLOSED



Please note: There are changes in our weekday office hours.

Is Purgatory a Real Place?

Purgatory is imagined as a place, but it refers to the state and process by which a soul is purified before going to Heaven. Someone who dies in God’s grace, but who still needs purification before he or she can see God is in Purgatory. “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified ... undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven” (CCC #1030).

Church tradition has described Purgatory as a purifying fire that purges us of any venial sin on our souls for which we have not repented. “If someone’s work is burned up, that one will suffer loss; the person will be saved, but only as through fire” (1 Corinthians 3:15). Another comparison can be the pain of St. Peter’s repentance after he denied our Lord. When we see God we will experience shame and remorse for having denied him in others. Only after this purifying pain will we be able to see God face to face.

All Souls Day Envelopes please list the names of all those you would like remembered on the back of your envelope. The names listed will be remembered during the month of November at all Masses.





Rosary will be held on Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00 PM in Our Lady of Fatima Cemetery at the Grotto. Our parish will continue the rosary every month until October 13th.

Blessing of Animals will take place in St. Casimir Church parking lot on Sunday, October 2nd at 11:15 AM.



How Can I Develop More Faith?
Faith is not a single event or a mastered skill. It's a journey that develops and grows over time. A father asking Jesus for a miraculous cure for his son cried out, "I do believe, help my unbelief" (Mark 9:24). We have to ask God to help our faith develop and grow. The best way to develop a strong faith is to pray. Prayer is a conversation with God. Most of us use prayer to talk at God, but it's important to listen, too. One good way to listen to God is to read his Word in the Bible. Start by reading a passage from Scripture, particularly the Gospels. Then ask yourself what the passage is saying to you, personally. For example, ask yourself, "What is God saying to me through this reading?" Or "How can I put his message into practice in my life?" We need to meditate on the message and put it into action in our lives. Only then can the word be "living and effective" (Hebrews 4:12).

Upward Glance

Try spending part of each day alone with God. Human conversation keeps you grounded on Earth. Moments spent with God are moments glancing toward the Heaven that awaits.



Redner's "Save – A- Tape" Receipts

Divine Mercy Parish is now 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.



Bible Group will meet at the Fr. Ciszek Center on Friday, September 9th at 9:30 AM



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

Our next Prayer Group will be held on Thursday, September 1st at 6:30 PM at the Father Ciszek Center.



Franciscan Group will meet on Thursday, September 15th at 6:30 PM at the Father Ciszek Center.



Don't Forget About Our WEBSITE!



Divine Mercy Parish now has a website: www.dmparish.com. It consists of the weekly bulletin, upcoming events, Lector, Eucharistic Minister & Altarserver Schedules, Parish Fundraisers, Chapel hours and much more. Why not go on to your computer and take a look at it. Again, it is www.dmparish.com

Divine Mercy Parish – Fall Food Sale
Strictly Take Out Only
Divine Mercy Church Parking Lot
Friday, September 30th – 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Saturday, October 1st – 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Sunday, October 2nd – Noon to 6:00 PM or until sellout



Our Menu will consist of:
Bar-B-Que, Bleenies, Funnel Cakes, Hispanic Foods, Homemade Pierogies, Meatball Hoagie, Sausage Hoagie and Pasta Fagioli Soup & Desserts



Raffle tickets will be mailed out shortly to parishioners.

We will also have "A Wreath of Franklins" Wreath valued at \$500.00 which will be sold before and after all Masses starting the weekend of September 10th & 11th. Tickets are \$1.00 per ticket. You may also purchase a ticket(s) at the parish office during normal business hours.

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 (462)968) para reservar fechas y rellenar formularios. El proceso es muy fácil.

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.

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 Ciszek 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 throughout the summer.**



Divine Mercy Parish Religious Education Program Grades 1 - 8

Tuesday, September 6th - Parent Meeting - 6:30 PM Divine Mercy Church.

Thursday, September 8th - Classes begin - 6:00 – 7:30 PM.

The parents of new students are to call Sister Mary Glackin at 484-888-1358 to set up an appointment to register.

Programa de Educación Religiosa PREP de la parroquia de la Divina Misericordia Grados 1-8

Martes, 6th de septiembre – Reunion para los padres en la iglesia Divine Mercy – 6:30 PM

Jueves, 8th de septiembre – Los classes son de 6 – 7:30 PM

Los padres de los nuevos estudiantes deben llamar a la Hermana Mary Glackin al 484-888-1358 para hacer una cita para registrarsen.



Baptismal Bargain

When we are baptized, God forms an unbreakable covenant with us promising His unconditional love. *“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord”* (Romans 8:38-39). Our part of the bargain is to obey him and love him, and put him first in our lives. At Baptism, we are marked as God's for life. That can never change.

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

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Servicio de Denuncia de Abusos de Obispos Católicos

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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: 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.



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.

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.

Why do We Say the “Fatima Prayer?”

When our Blessed Mother appeared to the children at Fatima in 1917, she asked them to add this prayer after each decade of the Rosary: “Oh, my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fire of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of Thy mercy.”
While we all need God’s mercy, those who have abandoned their faith, lead mortally sinful lives, or reject the teachings of the Church need prayers for conversion and repentance.

From St. Therese of Lisieux

“Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing.” (*Story of a Soul*)



Financial Report

Net July	Income	\$ 28,145.10	Expenses	\$ 39,282.26
			Insurance	\$ 7,422.00
			Assessments	\$ 4,023.00
	Total Income	\$ 28,145.10	Total Expenses	\$ 50,727.26
	Expenses over income	\$ 22,582.16	This shows a loss of	\$ 22,582.16