



Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of October 23, 2022

Monday, October 24, 2022

6:45 AM DM **Ed Michalik** by Bonnie Stanczyk & Family
 2-4 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 6-6:30 PM DM Confessions

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

6:45 AM DM **William Walsh** by Maryann Adzentovich

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

6:45 AM DM **Bernard & Carole Savakinas** by Sister
 2-4 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, October 27, 2022

6:45 AM DM **Senior Airman Kohl John Reed** by Prayer Group

Friday, October 28, 2022

6:45 AM DM **William Walsh** by Maryann Adzentovich
 2-4 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, October 29, 2022

8:00 AM DM **Ann Mescavage** by Bob & Cheryl

3:45 PM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

4:00 PM DM **Raymond & Kathleen Jones** by Rick Examitas & Family

Sunday, October 30, 2022

7:30 AM DM **Brothers & Sisters, Joseph, Stanley & Anthony Gawrylik,
 Rose Norris, Sophie Bobbin, Elsie Halon & Bertha Frye**
 by Family

9:40 AM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

10:00 AM DM **Ted & Jean Twardzik** by Tom & Pam Twardzik & Sons

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 Collection

10/16 - \$ 3,095.00

Thank You From Msgr. Bocian, Sister Maria Rose & Sister

Marietta, to all the parishioners, friends, & family of Fr. Walter Cizek who participated in the Mass and made it such a special day. Also, to Maria Rittle, organist and to the choir for the splendid musical performance on Sunday. Also, to the children who sang so beautifully.

The Father Walter J. Cizek Prayer League

has presented a gift of \$ 5,000.00 toward the expenses incurred in pursuing Father Cizek's Cause for Canonization.

Divine Mercy Church Memorial Fund

Donna Delcamp

\$10 Leo & Pat T.

Stephen Mundy

\$50 Mother

\$50 Brother, Thomas & sister, Patti McGovern & families

God's blessings for a speedy recovery for Ed Domkus

\$5 Dolores & Mary Ann



Due to the high inflation of fuel costs, all funerals and weekend Masses will be held at Divine Mercy Parish effective, Monday, October 17th. St. Casimir Church will be closed until further notice.

**OFFICE
CLOSED**

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, November 1st for All Saints Day. The office will reopen on Wednesday, November 2nd at 8:30 AM.

The Schuylkill County Knights of Columbus Councils will be delivering a Turkey Dinner complete with turkey, filling, yams, gravy, vegetable & dessert to all residents of Schuylkill County who are in need of a meal for this Thanksgiving Day, 11/24/22. If you know of a person who is in need of a meal, or if you are a person who is in need of a meal, please call 628-3333 or 516-9514 and leave the following information if no one answers the phone (Name & phone number) and we will get back to you. You can also contact us at KofC431@yahoo.com. The only requirement we have for the meal is that the person be at home. Closing date to order is Nov. 17th at 5:00 PM in order for us to order the required items for the meal. Also, any who can give us a hand delivering the meals is asked to come to St. Patrick's social hall in Pottsville on Thanksgiving Day by 8:00 AM. You can sign up for an area you know in order to deliver the meals or for any area. We are usually finished by 1:00 PM.

Devotional Lamps

Divine Mercy

- Sanctuary In memory of my beloved parents & sister, Angelo & Enrica & Jean Romano by Ann Romano
- Divine Mercy In memory of Stephen Mundy on his 58th birthday 10/28 by brother, Thomas, sister, Patti & families
- Divine Mercy Prayers & good health for J.M., S.M., M.S., A.M., T.S., G.M., R.G., J.B. & L.B. by M/M John Maskornick
- Divine Mercy In loving memory of Donald & Lucille by wife & mother
- Divine Mercy Special intention for Estelle McLaren by Ann Romano
- Blessed Mother In memory of Albert Jr. Albert Sr., Anna, George & Regina Discavage by Irene
- Blessed Mother Special intentions by Annette Creasy
- Blessed Mother In memory of Stephen Mundy on his 58th birthday 10/28 by mom
- Blessed Mother Special intentions
- St. Joseph In memory of Connell & Karvois families by Marilyn Connell
- St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
- OLMC Special intentions for John Kelly family
- OLMC Special intentions by Ann Marnell Lehman
- Altar In honor of St. Faustina by Ann Romano
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St. Casimir

- Sanctuary In memory of Jean & Ted Twardzik by Cindy Tancredi
- Divine Mercy In loving memory of Frank Macus by Fran & Maria
- Divine Mercy In memory of John & Helen Pukavige by children
- Divine Mercy Special intentions by Louis & Donna Kowalski
- Divine Mercy In loving memory of John T. McGuire by wife, Peg
- Divine Mercy Special intentions, in thanksgiving & good health for Msgr. Bocian, Fr. Dene, Brian Rooney, Marc, George Huss & Estelle McLaren
- Blessed Mother Special intentions for Christopher, Hope, Marc, Benjamin & Morgan
- Sacred Heart In memory of Joseph Mikita on his birthday 10/24 by family
- Sacred Heart Good health & God's blessings for Ed Domkus by Pat & Leo
- Sacred Heart In loving memory of my dad, George Rittle by daughter, Maria
- St. Ann Special intentions by Mary Kufro
- St. Anthony Special intentions for Marc

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

*Thank You
So Much*

from Msgr. Bocian for the birthday wishes and gifts received from the parishioners and friends of Divine Mercy Parish.

All Saints Day is a holyday of obligation. Mass schedule is as follows:

- Monday, October 31st 5:30 PM St. Casimir
- Tuesday, November 1st 6:45 AM Divine Mercy
- Tuesday, November 1st 7:00 PM Divine Mercy (en espanol)



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.

Bible Group will meet at the Fr. Ciszek Center **on Friday, November 11th 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, November 3rd at 6:30 PM at the Father Ciszek Center.

Franciscan Group will meet on Thursday, November 17th at 6:30 PM at the Father Ciszek Center.

Parish Dues for 2023 for Divine Mercy Parish are now payable for any registered parishioner 21 years of age and older at the parish office, 108 West Cherry St. If dues are paid by January 31, 2023, dues are \$ 50.00 per individual. If paid after January 31, 2023, dues are \$ 60.00 per individual.

Why are You Catholic?

Even adults who have been Catholic since infancy ought to be able to provide a deliberate answer to the question, “Why are you Catholic?” The answers will be varied, personal, and may differ from time to time. Kara said, “I am Catholic because the Catholic Church is the one that Jesus founded. He gave it to Peter and the Apostles, and they passed His teaching on to their successors, the Pope and the bishops. That Church is still standing, despite 2,000 years of scandal and persecution. That proves its divine foundation.” “Jesus promised to stay with us,” said Nick. “He gave us the Sacraments so we can experience His presence. The only Church in which I can meet Him in the Sacraments is the Catholic Church.” Laura said simply, “The Catholic Church teaches Jesus’ Real Presence in the Eucharist. Jesus said, ‘This is My Body.’ It’s not a symbol; it’s really Him. I won’t encounter Him anywhere else as fully and directly as in the Eucharist.”

Mass Book for 2023



2023 Mass Book for Divine Mercy Parish is now open. 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.

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 29TH & 30TH & 31ST /ALL MASSES AT DIVINE MERCY

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM	Elchisak, Michele	Heckard, Louise	_____
7:30 AM	Bronk, Cathy	Selvocki, Joseph	Daynorowicz, Madeline
10:00 AM	Grochowski, Anne	Phillips, Kathy	Selbi, Jennifer
5:30 PM 10/31 All Saints	Grochowski, Anne	Grochowski, Jennifer	Selbi, Jennifer

Bulletin Deadline Dates

Below you will find a listing of when bulletin information is due. The holidays are very busy, so I ask that you please use this as a reference guide as to when bulletin information is due. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Bulletin for Sunday.....	Bulletin Information is due on ...
Sunday, November 13th	Thursday, November 3rd
Sunday, November 20th	Thursday, November 10th
Sunday, November 27th	Monday, November 14th
Sunday, December 4th	Monday, November 21st
Sunday, December 11th	Tuesday, November 29th
Sunday, December 18th	Monday, December 5th
Sunday, December 25th	Wednesday, December 7th
Sunday, January 1st	Monday, December 12th
Sunday, January 8th	Tuesday, December 27th

OPLATKI/CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Will be available beginning Saturday, November 26th and Sunday, November 27th before & after all the Masses at Divine Mercy or at the Parish Office, 108 West Cherry St. during office hours. **Donation for a 6 piece pack will be \$ 5.00.**



Christmas Memorial & Christmas Flower Memorial Envelopes are placed in your December envelopes. You may place your Christmas Memorial & Christmas Flower Memorial in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. The memorials will be published for Christmas. The deadline will be **Monday, December 12th.**

CANCELLED

Special Memorial Mass

During November, the month of the Holy Souls, we are praying especially for all the faithful departed. However, due to the increase of COVID cases again, number of deaths we have thus far and anticipated number of deaths, number of people we are anticipating attending the Mass, we are cancelling the Memorial Mass for our deceased loved ones for this year. I ask that you pray that this pandemic is over. Please pray for all those who have been stricken with the virus and all those who have passed away from the virus.

God Loves Us As We Are

Most of us care about how we come across to other people. Choices about how we live, work, or dress can be influenced by a desire for others' approval. While it is only human to want to be liked, it's important to remember that God's opinion matters most. The best part? God always loves us.

His love never changes. Human standards change over time. Someone considered "in" today, can be "out" in no time. God's love is unchanging and unending.

Friends come and go. Sooner or later, friendships change or friends may move on. But Jesus said, "... behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). God never leaves.

He loves us for who we really are. There's nothing God doesn't know about us, and he adores us anyway. Go figure.

If God likes you, others may, too. To please God, we have to fill ourselves with love for him and other people, and that makes us even nicer to be around.



September Lotto Winners

Deb Abrachinsky	9/7	Day	# 495	\$ 25.00
Donna Kowalski	9/14	Day	# 622	\$ 50.00
Janet Moyer	9/20	Day	# 382	\$ 50.00
Teresa Kolonsky	9/24	Day	# 521	\$ 50.00
Joseph Katulis	9/27	Eve	# 391	\$ 50.00

Financial Report -- September

Net September	Income	\$ 22,300.22	Expenses	\$ 27,540.21
			Insurance	\$ 7,422.00
			Assessments	\$ 4,023.00
	Total Income	\$ 22,300.22	Total Expenses	\$ 38,985.21
	Expenses over income	\$ 16,684.99	This shows a loss of	\$ 16,684.99

Important Notice

The annual Priests' Convocation will be held this year from Tuesday, November 8th, Wednesday, November 9th, Thursday, November 10th and Friday, November 11th. Instead of two sessions as in the past, there will be only one general session this year. As a result, all priests will be attending the Convocation at this time. However, there will be NO Mass from Wednesday, November 9th through Friday, November 11th. And there will be NO funerals scheduled from November 9th through November 11th. All Funeral Masses will be scheduled beginning on Saturday, November 12th. They will be scheduled as they come in and more than likely two each day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Burials will be able to take place as long as no priest is needed for prayers at the cemetery.

Anointing of the sick will be done if a priest can be found to do it.

Both nursing homes have been notified

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 570-462-1968 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.

What are Indulgences?

An indulgence is "the remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sin whose guilt has already been forgiven" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*). In other words, after certain conditions have been met, the Church prays that the punishment for one's sins – either on Earth or in Purgatory – will be reduced or eliminated.

Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross and the prayers and good works of the saints during their lifetimes make indulgences possible. The *Catechism* compares this idea to something like an infinite bank account. The Church draws from the "treasury" of spiritual goods – prayers and sacrifices – of the saints and applies the benefits to those completing the indulgence (CCC #1476). To gain an indulgence, certain requirements must be met, including attending Confession, receiving Holy Communion and praying for the intentions for the pope.

Indulgences are only effective for sins that have already been forgiven in the Sacrament of Confession. Otherwise, we could be in danger of presuming on God's mercy or assuming God's forgiveness without true contrition.

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., Sheandoah. Teléfono 570 (4621968) 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.

Yes, We Are Doing the Cookie Sale Again!

2021 Cookie Sale Helped Feed 2.2 Million

Last year's Cookie Sale raised enough money to help Cross Catholic Outreach (crosscatholic.org), Cross International (crossinternational.org) and Blessings of Hope (blessingsofhope.com) feed more than 2.2 million people. Since we are selling cookie trays this year, our goal is to feed over 4.2 million people! 100% of the proceeds from the Annual Cookie Sale goes to Cross International/Cross Catholic Outreach's Hunger Relief Program in Haiti & to Blessings of Hope's U.S. feeding programs!

This year's "sale" weekend for The Cookie Sale to Combat World Hunger is Dec. 10th & 11th.

Cross International/Cross Catholic Outreach is an organization dedicated to feeding starving people and helping those in need around the world. Cross International/Cross Catholic Outreach is efficient with an amazing 97.3% of all the money raised from the sale going directly to the starving people of Haiti. Last year's sale helped feed more than 4.2 million people in need in Haiti. This year's goal is to match or exceed 4.2 million in spite of the rising food costs. For more information on Cross International/Cross Catholic Outreach, check out their website crossinternational.org & crosscatholic.org. This is sponsored through the Allentown Diocese. All proceeds go to Haiti.

Absolutely 100% of the proceeds from The Cookie Sale go to Cross International/Cross Catholic Outreach. Less than 3% of the proceeds will be used by Cross International/Cross Catholic Outreach for administrative costs.

There are no local administrative costs. Amazingly, the cost of printing the order forms, hall rental, trucking, printing the thank you cards, all labor, meeting space, radio air time on WJTL, artwork, and even the candy and cookies for the gift trays are all donated. There are no salaries and the groups selling these cookies do not benefit in any way. That is why the purchase of 1 cookie tray provides hunger relief for 375 people.

The cookie trays are only \$15 each and have 24 cookies; 8 chocolate chip, 8 peanut butter & 8 snickerdoodle, chocolates and are beautifully gift wrapped. **Please make check payable to The Cookie Sale.**

Cookies will be baked and delivered to the parish office, late in the week of December 6th. If you forget to order your trays of cookies, they will also be available at all Masses the weekend of December 10th and 11th.

If you are interested in placing an order, please contact the parish office as soon as possible. See form below:

Please use the following order form for the Cookie Tray

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number of Cookie Trays: _____



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@allentowndioocese.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 7bispo, comuníquese con el Servicio de Denuncias de Abuso de Obispos Católicos en www.ReportBishopAbuse.org o llamando al 800-276-1562

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Upcoming Events

Healing Mass Join Father George Winne for a Healing Mass at Saint Columbkil Parish, 200 Indian Spring Road, Boyertown, PA on Sunday, October 23rd at 7:00 PM. Praise and worship music begins at 6:30 PM. All are invited to attend.

Designer Purse Bingo sponsored by St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville will be held in the Parish Hall, 9 South Broad Mountain Avenue on Saturday, November 5th – doors open at 5:00 PM and bingo begins at 6:30 PM. Cost: \$ 30.00 for 20 games/ tickets purchased before 10/30 will be entered in a special drawing. Extra packs of games will be available for purchase the night of the bingo. There will be four specials available throughout the night for purchase... side raffles. Food and adult beverages will be available for purchase and 50/50 raffle.

Dine In or Take Out Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by St. Patrick Church on Sunday, November 6th 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. Extra meatballs and/or sauce available for purchase.

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.

Choose Entertainment Wisely

Those who make movies, television shows, video games, or other forms of entertainment make what sells. They don’t necessarily intend to enlighten or uplift. A steady diet of violent entertainment and media helps us become comfortable with violence and to see people as characters rather than humans. Instead, choose entertainment that inspires you to live a better life, and pray for victims of violence and for the souls of those who perpetrate it.

Shenandoah Public Library – Part-time position(s) Monday and Friday 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Approximately 6 or 12 hours per week ... minimum wage... no benefits
The library is looking for a person to work limited part-time hours. The person would be responsible for normal daily routine when working: including, but not limited to, opening/closing, checking patrons in and out, issuing library cards, general cleanup. Additional hours may be needed based on vacations, meetings, illness, etc. Applications available at library, 19 West Washington St. Shenandoah. Email: shenfpl@ptd.net

Assumption BVM School is seeking a full-time or part-time maintenance person and seeking substitute teachers for the 2022-2023 school year. Please contact Mrs. Teresa Keating at 622-0106 for more information or to apply.