



Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of January 1, 2023

Monday, January 2, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Living & Deceased Members of Divine Mercy Parish**
6-6:30 PM DM **Confessions**

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Joseph Simms Jr.** by Nephew, Thomas Venusti

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Wally Tabor & Bill Foley** by Bob & Rita
2-4:00 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, January 5, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Kathleen Adams** by Dan & Rosy Krauson

Friday, January 6, 2023

6:45 AM DM **John, Tony & Francis Sherman** by Wife & Mother

Saturday, January 7, 2023

8:00 AM DM **Joseph P. Savakinas** by Sister
3:45 PM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
4:00 PM DM **Edward Buhl** by Family

Sunday, January 8, 2023

7:30 AM DM **Frank Babinchock** by Family
9:40 AM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
10:00 AM DM **Edward & Christine Tunilla** by Tunilla Family
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 mantel. 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

December 18th - \$ 7,695.00



Thank You

To Divine Mercy Parish Choirs for their splendid musical performance during the Christmas Holiday. The choirs have truly enhanced our Christmas Liturgies.



Divine Mercy Church Memorial Fund

Judith Reese

- \$20 Sue & Joe Prohibition
- \$10 Rita Deitrick
- \$10 Pat Ryan & family
- \$10 Karen & Alberto Ruiz & family
- \$10 Rita Sherman
- \$10 Robert Toborowsky
- \$10 Jo Marie & Maria Rittle
- \$10 Mary Rose Masternack
- \$10 Buchinsky family
- \$10 Leo & Pat Treshock
- \$5 Marguerite Botsko

Joseph Wallace

- \$20 Raymond & Catherine Sajone

Donna M. Risko

- \$25 Sister-in-law, Virginia "Ginny" Stanziola & husband Bob
- \$10 Walukiewicz Oravitz Fell F. H.

Robert Aponick

- \$10 Melissa & Edward Donovan

Clarence Michael Jones

- \$10 Melissa & Edward Donovan
- \$10 John & Louise Kelly
- \$10 Ed & Fran Domkus

Adolph Jankaitis

- \$50 Gene & Rosalie Jankaitis
- \$25 Arlene Rowley
- \$25 Ed Donovan & family

Special intentions

- \$5 Anonymous

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- \$5 Anonymous

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Father Walter Ciszek Chapel

Memorial Fund

Clarence M. Jones

- \$10 Pat & Leo Treshock

Good health & God's blessings for

Frank Shanahan

- \$5 Tricia



“Do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you” (Mathew 6:3-4).

Devotional Lamps

Divine Mercy

- Sanctuary In memory of my beloved parents & sister, Angelo & Enrica & Jean Romano by Ann Romano
- Divine Mercy In memory of Frank & Anna Shumski by Rob & Phyllis Shumski
- Divine Mercy In memory of Clarence “Red” Jones by M/M John M. Thomas
- Divine Mercy In memory of Donald & Lucille by wife & mother
- Divine Mercy In memory of Riccardo & Catherine Nasuti by Rob & Phyllis Shumski
- Divine Mercy Prayers & good health for J.M., S.M., M.S., A.M., T.S., G.M., R.G., L.B. & J. B. by M/M John Maskornick
- Divine Mercy In memory of Eugene Straka, 21 years in heaven 12/31/22 by Paul Straka
- Divine Mercy Special intention by Paul Straka
- Blessed Mother In memory of Albert Jr. Albert Sr., Anna, George & Regina Discavage by Irene
- Blessed Mother In memory of our beloved sister, Elaine Schreppel on the 4th anniversary of death by family
- Blessed Mother On my mother’s birthday by M/M John Thomas
- Blessed Mother In memory of a beloved aunt, Theresa Kanick by Diane & Randy Sinclair
- St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
- St. Joseph In memory of Connell & Karvois families by Marilyn Connell
- OLMC Special intentions for John Kelly family
- OLMC Special intentions by Ann Marnell Lehman
- Sacred Heart Special intentions

St. Casimir

- Sanctuary In loving memory of my dad, George Rittle by daughter, Maria
- Czestochowa In memory of Teofil Galezniak – may he rest in peace by Dan & Diane Monlish
- Czestochowa In memory of the Michalik, Mentel & Shirvinski families by Michael & Marie Michalik
- Czestochowa In beloved memory of SrA Kohl John Paul Reed by Grammy Ginni
- Divine Mercy In loving memory of Frank Macus by Fran & Maria
- Divine Mercy Special intentions for Christopher, Hope, Marc, Benjamin & Morgan
- Divine Mercy In memory of the Zelonis & Lenkaitas families by Michael & Marie Michalik
- Divine Mercy Special intentions by Louis & Donna Kowalski
- Divine Mercy In loving memory of John T. McGuire by wife, Peg
- Divine Mercy In memory of Elizabeth Taylor by daughter, Mary Lou & family
- Blessed Mother In loving memory of Joe & Joestelle by wife & mother
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- Blessed Mother John & Helen Pukavige by children
- Blessed Mother Special intentions, in thanksgiving & good health for Msgr. Bocian, Stephen Bocian, Fr. Dene, Brian Rooney, George Huss & Estelle McLaren
- Sacred Heart Happy birthday in heaven to my father, Edward Sisko and Marion Andrews – 2nd anniversary of death - miss you & rest in peace by Lillian Engle & family
- Sacred Heart Special intentions by Mary Kufro

Chapel

- Sanctuary Special intentions by Msgr. B
- Blessed Mother In memory of Ed & Mary Kleha by family
- St. Joseph Special intention

Bible Group will meet at the Fr. Ciszek Center **on Friday, January 13th 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, January 5th at 6:30 PM at the Father Ciszek Center.

Franciscan Group will meet on Thursday, January 19th 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.

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 2016. We will mail this sheet directly to you.

Judge Not

It is tempting to view others' behavior and feel the need to correct it. Remember that criticizing others is a serious business. "Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven" (Luke 6:37). Better to worry about our own behavior and let others do the same.

Hearing God's Voice

It can be difficult to "hear" God's voice in today's world, but with some effort, we can learn to recognize it. Read a chapter of the Gospels and listen: a phrase may grab your attention or you may experience peace and joy. Remember, God often speaks to our hearts, not our ears.

Additional Christmas Memorials

- \$1000 In memory of the Sinkiewicz (Cinco), Piaskowsky & Rowan families by Kathy & John Sinkiewicz
- \$50 Ben & Helen Pavlosky, Chris Sr. & Carm Twardzik, Carissa Waiksnoris, Mark & David Twardzik, Raymond Bulvin, Mae Brennan, Francis Holden & Kathie Palubinsky by M/M Christopher Twardzik
- \$30 James P. Caulfield Sr., John Caulfield & James Caulfield by Joan Caulfield Armando Piccolo & Mary & Ralph Folino by Michelina Piccolo
- \$25 Taylor & Ulicny families by M/M Robert Taylor Zuber & Lindner families by M/M Edward Zuber
- \$20 Matthew Sherakas by Rita Sherakas
- \$15 Ritzo, Guida & Babinchak families by M/M John Maskornick
- \$10 Stanczyk & Breznik families & friends by M/M Frank Breznik Richard Thomas by John Thomas Kathryn Chuplis, Dennis & James Lally Sr. & Jr., by Ann Marie Lally Stanley & Jean Katulis by Joseph Katulis Mary Link by Francis Caulfield Parents, George & Tillie, brother, George & Carol & brother, Ed by Ron Kalyan & family Leo & Florence Piaskowski by Diane Kalyan & family
- \$5 Vincent Ryan Jr. by Patricia Ryan Ryan & Ruiz families by Karen & Alberto Ruiz Mary Lou Buchinsky by M/M John Buchinsky IV Kathryn Chuplis, James Miller, James & Dennis Lally & James Lally Sr. & Jr. by Raymond Miller James Lally Sr. & Jr., Dennis Lally & Kathryn Chuplis by Rosaire Miller Albert & Helen Zitkus, Edward & Mary Matta by Atty. M. Robert Matta Anthony L. Bralczyk by niece, Diane Kalyan Pat Zuber Buxila by cousin, Diane Kalyan Theresa Sefcik by niece, Diane Kalyan John Matalavage by cousin, Diane Kalyan

Additional Christmas Flower Memorials

- \$25 William Abrachinsky, Ed Buhl Jr., M/M Joseph Abrachinsky, M/M Edward Buhl Sr. & Stephen Sosna Jr. by Debra Abrachinsky Charles & Rita Thomas, Ed & Mary Schlauch, Rita Horizitski, Ed & Maryann Prybolsky & John "Jack" Thomas by John Thomas Deceased of the Bruni, Galezniak, Swies & Tancredi families by Maryann Bruni
- \$20 Matthew Sherakas, Sherakas family, Toborowsky family, Bill Foley, Maryann Toborowsky by Rita Sherakas
- \$10 Vincent Ryan Jr., Emma Zamudio & Mucio Ruiz, Eileen & Joe Wylonis, Vince & Jeanette Ryan & Clarence & Anna Dietrick by Karen & Alberto Ruiz Kathryn Chuplis, Matt Chuplis, James Lally Sr. & Jr., Dennis Lally, George & Mildred Lally, Rose & Pat Lally, James Bradshaw & John McGuire by Ann Marie Lally
- \$5 Joseph & Anna Link, Grandmothers, Helen Link & Mary Strender by Joseph Link Kathryn Chuplis, James Lally Sr. & Jr., Dennis Lally & James Miller by Raymond Miller James Lally Sr. & Jr., Dennis Lally, Kathryn Chuplis, James & Elva Miller by Rosarie Miller Vincent Ryan Jr., Janette & Vincent Ryan, Clarence & Anna Dietrick, Fred Romanchick & Helen Stanell by Patricia Ryan

"So be imitators of God...and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us" (Ephesians 5:1).

Parishioners may get Additional Masses now

and book is open to non-parishioners.

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.

Let God Love You

Have you ever seen a parent scoop up a child and hug him closely as if he couldn't get enough of that beloved child? That's how God feels about you. He loves you dearly and shows you each day. Open your heart to him. He longs to embrace you and tell you that he loves you. Let God love you through the people around you. When you need help, support, or healthy love, don't refuse those whom God sends to you. God wants our safety and shows us the surest path for us to walk. Jesus walked it first to show us how. Follow his steps to stay safe. Our Father lets us make our own choices but gives advice to guide us. All we need to know to make smart decisions is contained in Scripture. Refer to it often to find out what God thinks is best. He is always ready to forgive. We are the ones who forget to ask. Meet him in Confession regularly. As a loving Father, he waits for our next visit and longs for our love. Don't miss a chance to meet him at Mass and in daily prayer. And, as a good Father, he waits for the day when all his children will come home to him and rest forever in his arms.

Well-Placed Faith

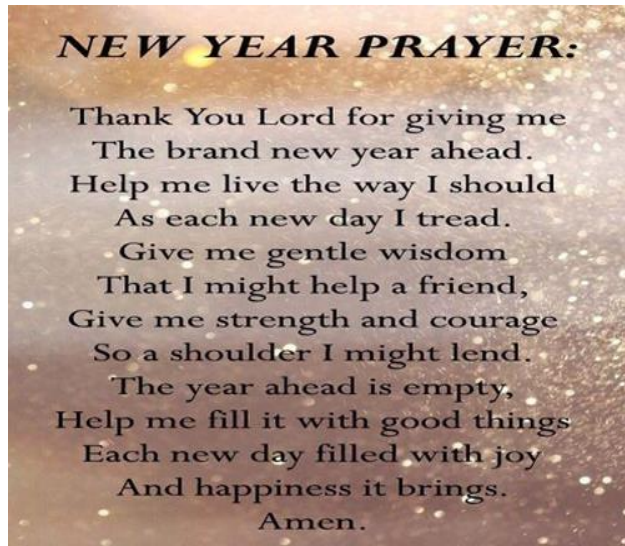
Our world is filled with pain, sorrow, and suffering. Putting our faith in worldly powers guarantees disappointment. Putting faith in God guarantees that we will never be disappointed. *"Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to thy people Israel!"* (Luke 2:29-32).

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 7TH & 8TH /ALL MASSES AT DIVINE MERCY

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM	Brophy, Marty	Elchisak,Michele	_____
7:30 AM	Grochowski,Anne	Grochowski,Jennifer	Daynorowicz,Madeline
10:00 AM	Twardzik,Joann	Twardzik,Pam	Estrada,Caesar Estrada,Jose



Many parishioners have asked about having past bulletins on our website: www.dmparish.com. Good news, we now have the past 6 months of bulletins on our website. All you have to do is go to our website, www.dmparish.com and click on About Us and Bulletin Archive and you can click on whichever one you would like to read.



Feasts and Celebrations

Jan. 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. On this holy day of obligation, we honor Mary, but also Jesus as God. In their honor, pray a Rosary and attend Mass.
Jan. 6 – St. André Bessette (1937). Born near Montreal, Canada, André joined the Congregation of the Holy Cross at twenty-five and was the doorkeeper for their school. During an epidemic, everyone in his care was miraculously healed. He helped build a beautiful chapel to St. Joseph.
Jan. 20 – St. Fabian (250). During his long reign as pope, Fabian organized Rome into seven districts, countered a heresy in Africa, and founded churches in France. He was martyred during the Decian persecutions.

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)1968) 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.

Move Closer To God in the New Year

While contemplating your New Year's resolutions, wouldn't it be great to make at least one change this year that brings you closer to God? Consider these ideas from other Catholics to strengthen your prayer life, learn more about your faith, or serve your parish. Greg was bored with his prayer routine and wanted a change. His priest suggested he try a novena, nine days of focused prayer. So, Greg chose a novena to the Immaculate Conception. He loved the meditations and felt a connection to Our Lady. Soon, he became hooked on novenas. Once again, he was excited to spend time in prayer. Jennifer's husband is not Catholic and asks lots of questions about her faith. Her own religious education ended years ago, and she became dismayed when she couldn't answer his questions. Learning that adult faith formation classes were starting in her parish, Jenn jumped at the chance to learn more. "Everything I discover helps me to grow stronger in my faith," Jennifer declared. "I'm so excited by what I'm learning that my husband wants to come, too." Maureen's children are grown and on their own, yet she teaches a religious education class at her parish. "What better way to evangelize our faith than to share it with children? That's where I can do some real good," she said.

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.

"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.

True Charity



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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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.

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. **Please do not cut any of the receipt away.**



Financial Report -- November

Net November	Income	\$ 29,065.80	Expenses	\$ 33,830.61
			Insurance	\$ 7,422.00
			Assessments	\$ 4,023.00
	Total Income	\$ 29,065.80	Total Expenses	\$ 45,275.61
	Expenses over income	\$ 16,209.81	This shows a loss of	\$ 16,209.81

The Keys to Mary’s Success

Jesus loved his mother dearly, and his last thoughts on Earth were of her. We know she is Queen of Heaven, but what did she do to receive His love and great reward? When Mary agreed to become the mother of God, she could have expected an easy life but Scripture tells us that all Mary expected was the joy of doing God’s will. **She put God’s will before her own.** Mary didn’t have to go with Joseph to Bethlehem for the census. She chose to go with Joseph as his wife. **She put Joseph’s needs before her own.** Once there, the couple lodged with animals because there was no room at the inn. Instead of indulging in self-pity, Mary graciously received the shepherds and the Magi, who came to worship her baby. **She put their joy before her own discomfort.** Throughout her life, Mary said “yes” to God, put his will first, and thought of others before herself. If we follow her example, we’ll receive our reward in Heaven, too.

A Kinder, Gentler You

Kindness is contagious. A recent study found that witnessing an act of kindness produces good feelings and inspires imitation. In the new year, make efforts to be kinder – more friendly, generous, and considerate – and inspire others to do the same.