



# Divine Mercy Parish

## Mass Schedule for the Week of January 8, 2023

### *Monday, January 9, 2023*

6:45 AM DM **Louis O'Hare** by A Friend  
2-4:00 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
6-6:30 PM DM **Confessions**

### *Tuesday, January 10, 2023*

6:45 AM DM **Rev. Paul Gaggawala** by Delmy McGauley & Family

### *Wednesday, January 11, 2023*

6:45 AM DM **Edward Michalik** by Wife, Catherine & Children  
2-4:00 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### *Thursday, January 12, 2023*

6:45 AM DM **Living & Deceased Members of Divine Mercy Parish**

### *Friday, January 13, 2023*

6:45 AM DM **Grandparents, Edward & Nellie Maloney** by Maloney Family  
2-4:00 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### *Saturday, January 14, 2023*

8:00 AM DM **Rose Aponick** by Aunt Nikki  
3:45 PM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**  
4:00 PM DM **Maryann Toborowsky** by Husband, Bob & Sister-In-Law, Rita

### *Sunday, January 15, 2023*

7:30 AM DM **Michael Elchisak Jr.** by Children  
9:40 AM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**  
10:00 AM DM **Leonard, John, William & Edward 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](http://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](http://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 Collections**

December 25th - \$22,787.00  
January 1st - \$8,326.00

**Welcome** to Alejandro Magos, Luisana Guzman & Alex Eduardo Magos Guzman who were all baptized on Saturday, December 17th. They are the children of Alex Magos & Ana Guzman. May God bless these children and keep them in His care.

OFFICE CLOSED

On Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Office will reopen on Tuesday, January 17th at 8:30 AM.

**Divine Mercy Church Memorial Fund**

**Rosemary Guida**  
 \$50 Dianna L. Swain  
 \$30 Ann & Jenn Grochowski  
 \$25 Louis & Donna Kowalski & family  
 \$20 Chris & Jo Ann Twardzik & family  
 \$20 Bindie & Snitzer families  
 \$20 Judy & Tony Demalis & family  
 \$20 Bzura family  
 \$20 Mike & Louise Tedesco  
 \$20 Chris Conroy & Ashley Michalik  
 \$20 Frank & Mary Avolio  
 \$10 Walukiewicz Oravitz Fell F. H.  
 \$10 Rosario Mussolin  
 \$10 Ed & Coralee Munley  
 \$10 Sissy McAndrew  
 \$10 Dino & Karen Cicioni & family  
 \$10 Joe & Jeanie Sherako  
 \$10 Ed & Kerri Michalik  
 \$10 Catherine Michalik  
 \$10 Stephanie Oshman  
 \$10 Dan & Joan Shustack  
 \$10 Pat Ryan & family  
 \$10 Dorothy & Romolo Laureti  
 \$10 Mary Hancock  
 \$10 Theresa & George Kosar  
 \$10 Ann Louise Conroy  
 \$10 Frank Matino  
 \$10 Catizone family  
 \$10 Gurecki family  
 \$10 Paul & Sharon Guida  
 \$10 Ann Romano  
 \$10 Joe & Donna Palubinsky  
 \$10 Solomon family  
 \$10 Ray & Cathy Sajone  
 \$10 Jeff & Nina Tedesco  
 \$10 Chris & Allison Palubinsky  
 \$10 Leonard & Kathryn Boris  
 \$10 Jamie, Rob & Madison Houseknecht  
 \$10 Maryann Bruni & family  
 \$10 Georgine Sinkus  
 \$5 Tricia Palubinsky  
 \$5 Tom & Diane Pavlosky  
**Clarence Michael Jones**  
 \$10 Leonard & Kathryn Jones  
**John J. Onisick**  
 \$10 Leonard & Kathryn Jones  
 \$10 Melissa Donovan  
**Daniel Saluta**  
 \$5 Ed & Fran Domkus  
**Mary Caulfield Link**  
 \$10 Barbara Hardy  
**Margaret Tomchick**  
 \$10 Ed & Fran Domkus  
 \$5 Tricia Palubinsky

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., L.B. & J.B. by M/M John Maskornick  
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 Divine Mercy In loving memory of Donald & Lucille by wife & mother  
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 Blessed Mother In memory of Albert Jr. Albert Sr., Anna, George & Regina Discavage by Irene  
 Blessed Mother In loving memory of Maryann Connors by Nikki Zarcufsky  
 Blessed Mother In memory of John Onisick by Charlotte Litwak  
 Blessed Mother In memory of John Onisick by Nikki Zarcufsky  
 Blessed Mother In memory of Rosemary Guida by Lisa Rudisill  
 Blessed Mother In loving memory of our mom, Lucy Maloney – 3rd anniversary in heaven by Maloney family  
 Blessed Mother Happy & Healthy New Year to our family & friends by Diane & Donna  
 Blessed Mother Good health & God’s blessings for Estelle McLaren by Deb Abrachinsky  
 Blessed Mother In loving memory of Rosemary Guida & John Onisick by M/M John Buchinsky IV  
 Blessed Mother Special intentions by Joan Madaffari  
 Blessed Mother In memory of Clarence Michael Jones by Deb Abrachinsky  
 Blessed Mother In memory of Rosemary Guida by Deb Abrachinsky  
 St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family  
 St. Ann In loving memory of Rose & William Norris by daughter, Cathy & family  
 OLMC Special intentions by Ann Marnell Lehman  
 OLMC Special intentions by Ann Marnell Lehman  
 OLMC Special intentions for John Kelly family

**St. Casimir**

Sanctuary In loving memory of my dad, George Rittle by daughter, Maria  
 Czestochowa In memory of Michalik, Mentel, Lenkaitis, Zelonis & Shirvinski families by Michael & Marie Michalik  
 Czestochowa In memory of our dad, John F. Baginski by Baginski family  
 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 for Christopher, Hope, Marc, Benjamin & Morgan  
 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  
 Divine Mercy In memory of John & Helen Pukavige by children  
 Blessed Mother Special intentions, in thanksgiving, good health for Msgr. Bocian, Stephen Bocian, Fr. Dene, George Huss, Brian Rooney & Estelle McLaren  
 Blessed Mother In thanksgiving by H.M.  
 St. Ann Special intentions by Mary Kufro  
 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

**Matilda Gastani**

\$10 Joe & Kristel Domkus

**Judith Reese**

\$10 Georgine Sinkus

**Father Walter J. Ciszek Chapel Memorial Fund**

**Rosemary Guida**

\$10 Karen & Leo Kayes

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, February 2nd 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 2022. We will mail this sheet directly to you.

**Try Something New**

Do you find that your prayer life feels stale or dull occasionally? Try learning a new prayer. Look in the missal at church or the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' website (www.usccb.org) under "Prayer and Worship." Sometimes learning something new to say to God can refresh your time with him.

**Additional Christmas Memorials**

- \$50 Filozof & Karahuta families, Ann Spaar, Wilfred T. & Lois Maurer family & Albert, Patricia & Charles Karosis by Raymond Filozof
- \$40 Filozof & Karahuta families & Ann Spaar by Florence Filozof
- \$20 Pop, Mom & Mike Krusinsky by Edward Krusinsky Jr. Zaremba family by Mary Jane Zaremba
- \$10 Toni & George Palchus by Stephanie Oshman Chesla & Petrewicz families by Karen Chesla Charles & Helen Parker by Robert Parker Edward Michalik by M/M Edward Michalik Jr. Jack Malinoski by wife, Roseanne, children & grandchildren William & Rose Norris by daughter, Roseanne & family John & Francis Malinoski & children by Roseanne Malinoski
- \$5 Anna Marie Bobrowsky by Joseph Bobrowsky Anna Marie Bobrowsky by Anna Rose Bobrowsky Joseph Skubel by Jessica McKay Geri Shumski by Roseanne Malinoski

**Additional Christmas Flower Memorials**

- \$10 Edward Michalik by M/M Edward Michalik Jr. Our parents, Martin & Lucy Petrewicz & Walter & Rose Chesla by Karen Chesla Anna & Cheryl Zaremba by Mary Jane Zaremba Nancy & Jack Hancock & Andrew McDonald by Mary Hanock In memory of Christine Tunilla, Albert Buckoski & Victoria Slovick & in honor of Christine Leshner & Tunilla & Slavinsky families by Edward Tunilla
- \$5 Anna Marie Bobrowsky by Anna Rose Bobrowsky



Blessing of the candles will take place during Mass on Thursday, February 2nd at 6:45 AM at Divine Mercy. Candles will then be available after Mass, available on weekends and also at the parish office. Candles are for home use – All Blessed Candles \$ 4.00 – two candles per box.

St. Blaisé – Blessing of Throats will take place after the 6:45 AM Mass on Friday, February 3rd. Please note: Blessing of Throats will take place only on Friday, February 3rd.

**What is a "Holy Hour?"**

A "holy hour" is a devotion during which one sets aside an hour for prayer and meditation before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Try these ideas to make a holy hour:

**Find a tabernacle with a lit sanctuary lamp.** The lamp signifies the presence of Christ. Silence yourself both interiorly and exteriorly. Clear your mind of daily stresses or outside distractions.

**Start the conversation.** Ask the Holy Spirit to help you, then make acts of faith, hope and charity. Tell God how you believe, trust and love him. Ask for more faith, hope and love.

**Adore God.** Rather than recite prayers, focus on adoration. God is all powerful, all good, more beautiful than we can imagine, and more real than the distractions on which we focus.

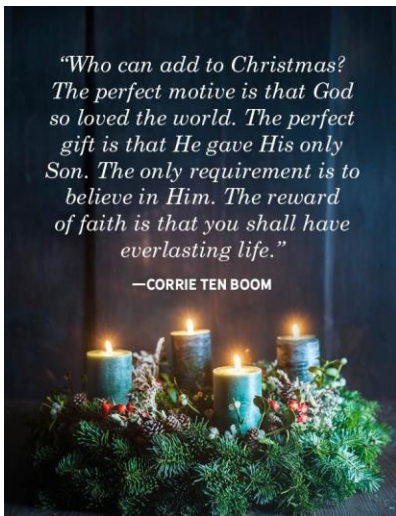
**Imagine Christ sitting with you.** It's not your love for God, but his for you that saves. God delights in the company of his children (Proverbs 8:31). If you can't pray, then just be with him. That itself is a prayer pleasing to God.

**Do You Love God or Fear God More?**

Is your relationship with God dominated by guilt and fear, or by love? Do you worry how he thinks of you and dread praying to him? Yet Jesus taught us to always meet God joyfully in prayer and worship and to be confident of his love. **Don't fear God in the wrong way.** It is healthy to be in awe of God as our creator and creator of the universe. But we should never be afraid of God becoming angry every time we make a mistake or punishing us every time we fail. *"But you, our God, are good and true, slow to anger, and governing all with mercy"* (Wisdom 15:1). God appreciates honest effort.

**Let God help you change.** Most of us have areas in our lives that need improvement. If we ask, God will change them. It isn't always pleasant but even transforming change is possible when we allow God to work in our lives.

**Don't carry guilt.** The problem with guilt is that it can keep us from God. Instead, use it to take responsibility for sins, make amends, and start fresh – then let the guilt go. Catholics are blessed to have access to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Use it often so you can meet God joyfully in love and peace which is what he prefers.



*"Who can add to Christmas? The perfect motive is that God so loved the world. The perfect gift is that He gave His only Son. The only requirement is to believe in Him. The reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life."*

—CORRIE TEN BOOM

**God Stays the Same**

Although the world changes constantly, God stays the same. He can be trusted to provide love, support, and strength when we need it. All we have to do is ask him. *"For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed"* (Malachi 3:6).

**WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 14TH & 15TH /ALL MASSES AT DIVINE MERCY**

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM	Hardy, Barbara	Mealia,Patrick	_____
7:30 AM	Selvocki,Joseph	Cieslukowski,Linda	Snitzer,Isabella
10:00 AM	Taylor,Anne	Michalik,Marie	Selbi,Jennifer

**Who Needs Jesus?**

Many today say that they don't have a need for Jesus. They go to work, have homes, put food on their tables, raise families without His help. In fact, daily activities go on but the world can't really make sense without Him.

**Truth.** The truth is in Christ, *"in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge"* (Colossians 2:3). We cannot understand the truth without Him. To make sense of the world, we need Jesus to lead us.

**Life.** The life we have will eventually end. To keep living, we need Jesus. *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me"* (John 14:6). Eternal life comes through Him.

**Death.** None of us escapes death. Yet, in the Resurrection, Jesus defeated death for us. It didn't hold Him and He offers the gift of life to each of us if we live in Him.

**Sin.** Even the holiest of us sins. Without Jesus, what becomes of us? He *"gave himself as a ransom for all"* (1 Timothy 2:6). If we don't accept His price, our sins come back to us for eternity.

**Suffering.** Modern science can alleviate but not eliminate some of the world's suffering. Jesus provides comfort and healing to those who trust Him and surrender to Him.

**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.

**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.

#### 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](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right hand- corner of the page.

#### Three Tips to Boost Your Prayer

Prayer fuels our spiritual life, but praying effectively can be challenging. Even the saints had dry spells. Among these was the mystic and Carmelite reformer, St. Teresa of Avila. Try these suggestions from her to enliven your prayer:

**Become aware of God's presence.** It may feel as if God is distant, but He is so close. St. Teresa began by enjoying God's nearness. Know that He is with you and wants your company.

**Bring a good book.** St. Teresa, who struggled with dryness in prayer, kept a book with her. Scripture, *Lives of the Saints*, or a book about the Faith can help us focus and spark conversation with Him.

**Be honest.** It is said that St. Teresa once fell into the mud and told God bluntly, "If this is how you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few of them!" God wants you to share all your experiences with Him – good and bad. Entrust your cares to Him and "*Do whatever he tells you*" (John 2:5).



#### Can You Suggest a New Year's Resolution to Grow in Holiness?

All Christians are called to holiness. "*Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect*" (Matthew 5:48). There are three tools on which every Catholic can rely to attain greater holiness.

**Daily prayer.** God meets us in a very real and present way when we come to him in prayer. Start in the morning and pray throughout the day.

**Weekly Mass.** The Mass is a sacrifice and a meal. We receive Jesus' body and blood as real food for our souls. He said, "*For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him*" (John 6:55-56). That's why we call it, "Communion."

**Monthly Confession.** Jesus created the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confession) because he knew we would stray. He also knew we would want to come back. Frequent participation in this Sacrament sharpens our sense of sin, holds us accountable for our errors, and gives us the grace to keep trying.

#### God Watches Good Efforts With Loving Eyes

We start the New Year with the best of intentions, but life can get in the way of success. Household expenses leave little for charity, work encroaches on family time, daily tasks distract from prayer time, and healthy habits fall away. It can be discouraging when we stumble, but it's important to keep trying. God watches our efforts with loving eyes.

**God knows our limits.** Our Father understands that we are weak and that we struggle. Even Peter, Jesus' close friend, promised devotion but later denied knowing him (John 13: 37-38). Not only did Jesus forgive him, he made Peter the first head of his beloved Church.

**Don't let fear of failure keep you from trying again.** "*Fear not, I am with you; be not dismayed; I am your God. I will strengthen you, and help you*" (Isaiah 41:10). The key is to get back to the plan.

**We aren't meant to do it alone.** Jesus is the source of our true strength and wants to help us get it right. "*Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me*" (John 15:4). "*Finally, draw your strength from the Lord and from his mighty power*" (Ephesians 6:10).

**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](mailto:prusso@allentowndioocese.org)

**Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service**

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**Servicio de Denuncia de Abusos de Obispos Católicos**

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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

**Forgiveness Makes Good Sense**

“My best friend hurt me terribly, hasn’t apologized and doesn’t act sorry. I refuse to forgive her.” “When my parents died, my brother took more than his share of their estate. I’ll never speak to him again.”  
Refusing to forgive merely prolongs the hurt feelings and traps us in the past. It forces us to dwell on bad feelings and keep them alive. That feels awful. Forgiving is something we do for ourselves.  
But when we forgive, the energy that sustained the anger and hurt is now available for better purposes. That feels better.  
Need another reason? Jesus taught us that to receive forgiveness of our own sins we must forgive those who have hurt us. If we can’t or won’t – how can we obtain it for ourselves?  
Instead, pray for those who hurt you and ask God to bless them. Not only will you find the pain start to lessen, you’ll be saying one of God’s favorite kinds of prayers. It’s exactly how Jesus prayed while on the Cross.

