



Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of January 15, 2023

Monday, January 16, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Grandparents, Margaret & William Connors** by Maloney Family
 2-4:00 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 6-6:30 PM DM **Confessions**

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

6:45 AM DM **August Stankiewicz** by Daughter

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Living & Deceased Members of Divine Mercy Parish**
 2-4:00 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, January 19, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Stankiewicz Family** by Val Sajone

Friday, January 20, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Jack Wright** by Charlotte & Dave Kriner
 2-4:00 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, January 21, 2023

8:00 AM DM **Diane Donovan** by Aunt Nikki
 3:45 PM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
 4:00 PM DM **Vincent Ryan Jr.** by Wife & Children

Sunday, January 22, 2023

7:30 AM DM **Jean Eckley** by Family
 9:40 AM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
 10:00 AM DM **Francis V. McAndrew – Missing & Loving You** by Sis
 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



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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

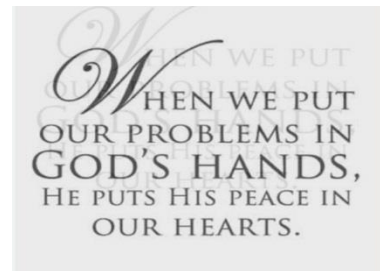
When: Every 1st Sunday of the month
 Time: 3:00 PM
 Where: St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Mahanoy City

Divine Mercy Collection

January 8th - \$7,908.00



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

- Paul Yackel**
 \$10 Julie Buchinsky
Gregorine (Loddo) Colicchio
 \$10 Madeline (Mirocke) Buchinsky & family
Margaret Tomchick
 \$20 Chris Conroy & Ashley Michalik
 \$10 Walukiewicz Oravitz Fell F. H.
 \$10 Maryann Selvocki & son, Joseph
 \$10 Lisa & Frank Breznic & family
 \$10 Joe & Susy Boris
 \$10 Cathy, Al & Alfie Bronk
 \$10 Jo Marie & Maria Rittle
 \$10 Pat & Leo T.
 \$5 Theresa Wierzalis & family
Daughter, Diane Donovan
 \$100 Charlotte Litwak
Rev. Stephen Halabura
 \$20 Charlotte & Dave Kriner
Tom Wallauer
 \$5 Mary McDonald
Janet Scherer
 \$5 Mary McDonald
Clarence Michael Jones
 \$10 Leonard & Kathryn Boris
John J. Onisick
 \$10 Leonard & Kathryn Boris
Father Walter J. Ciszek Chapel Memorial Fund
Margaret Tomchick
 \$20 Bill & Crista Cuff
 \$10 Gloria Zahorchak & family
 \$10 Barbara Shatalsky
 \$10 M/M Bo Neary
 \$10 Joe & Virginia McAndrew

God's Ways

How do we become disappointed when it seemed as if God didn't answer a prayer? It is so easy to despair when God's ways don't look like our ways. Instead, we need learn more about God by learning the teachings of his Church and reading his Word. Only then will we come to understand his ways.

Hope

Hope is what leads us to desire and expect eternal life with God in Heaven. Hope gives us the strength to keep going when we are troubled, tired, overwhelmed or burdened. Hope is what makes us strong. Followers of Christ always have hope.

Devotional Lamps

Divine Mercy

- Sanctuary In memory of my beloved parents & sister, Angelo & Enrica & Jean Romano by Ann Romano
 Divine Mercy Special intention for Baby Noah 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
 Divine Mercy In loving memory of Donald & Lucille by wife & mother
 Blessed Mother In memory of Albert Jr. Albert Sr., Anna, George & Regina Discavage by Irene
 Blessed Mother In memory of Margaret Tomchick by Pat & Leo
 Blessed Mother Special intention & thanksgiving
 St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
 St. Joseph In loving memory of Hank Faleski by wife, Julie
 St. Joseph In loving memory of our dear "Pop" Buchinsky by family
 St. Joseph In memory of Connell & Karvois families by Marilyn Connell
 St. Joseph Happy 80th birthday to my dad in heaven, Thomas P. Monaghan by Michele Elchisak
 OLMC Special intentions for John Kelly family
 OLMC Special intentions by Ann M. Lehman

St. Casimir

- Sanctuary In loving memory of my dad, George Rittle by daughter, Maria
 Czestochowa In memory of our dad, John F. Bagienski 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 by Louis & Donna Kowalski
 Divine Mercy In loving memory of John T. McGuire by wife, Peg
 Blessed Mother Health & blessings for Justin Kershaw by Fran & Maria
 Blessed Mother Special intentions by Joan Madaffari
 Sacred Heart Special intentions by Mary Kufro

Chapel

- Sanctuary Special intentions by Msgr. B
 Blessed Mother Prayers & good health for Emily Seigel by uncle Ed & aunt Kerri
 St. Joseph Special intention

Marian Catholic High School -- OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 29th, from 12:00-1:30 PM

Come tour the school with our Student Ambassadors. Meet our teachers and administration. Learn how we can make a Marian education possible. To register, please call or email Mary Milosh: mmilosh@mariancatholicshs.org or 467-3335 ext. 117.

Feasts and Celebrations

January 17th – St. Anthony the Abbot (355). Born to a rich family around 250 A.D. in Egypt, St. Anthony gave up his riches to live a life of simplicity in the desert. He is the founder of monasticism.

January 21st – St. Agnes (258). At a young age, St. Agnes pledged chastity for Jesus. Reportedly she was turned in for being a Christian by a suitor whom she refused to marry. She maintained her chastity and her faith and was executed as a result.

January 24th - St. Francis de Sales (1622). As bishop of Geneva, St. Francis bolstered the faith of others by his writings and works. For the laity, St. Francis wrote Introduction to the Devout Life, which is as applicable today as it was in his day.

Bible Group will meet at the Fr. Ciszek Center on Friday, February 10th 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.

Rediscover God's Love for You

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1-3). In these challenging times, being grounded in God's personal, powerful love is key to staying strong, positive, and at peace and able to handle whatever happens. A time of uncertainty is a good time to strengthen our connection with God and experience His love when we need it most.

Make room. God's loving presence may be easy to miss, especially if we do more talking than listening. Sometimes prayer means we talk at God instead of to Him. It is best to listen in the silence of our hearts. In prayer, open your heart to hear what He has to say. *"Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening"* (1 Sam 3:10).

Embrace the Sacraments.

More than just symbols, Sacraments are personal encounters with God's unlimited love and grace. For example, in Confession, we receive Christ's powerful, healing love. In the Eucharist, we encounter Jesus and His love for us, "in the flesh" (Matthew 26:26-28) at every Mass.

Find a devotion that helps you focus on God and better understand His love for you: the Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, praying novenas, reciting litanies, attending daily Mass. Devotions highlight some aspect of God's intensely personal love for us and gives us ways to respond.

THERE'S ALWAYS
Something
TO BE
Thankful for
- 1 Thessalonians 5:18 -

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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.**

Blessing of Throats

Due to COVID-19, the rubrics for the Blessing of Throats allows for a general blessing in place of individual blessings for pastoral reasons. Mindful of social distancing requirements, a priest is asked this year to give the blessing by extending hands over all gathered while saying the prayer of blessing: "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. **A general blessing will be given on Friday, February 3rd at the 6:45 AM Mass only.**

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).



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 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.

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.



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

Want To Make Better Decisions?
 The best decisions are those made in harmony with God’s will. And, a close relationship with God brings a strong sense of what He wants for us. When we grow distant and distracted, our perception of His will grows dim and the right course of action becomes less obvious. Prayer and Scripture reading help to bring clarity.

Dealing With Difficult People Jesus’ Way
 People who argue, fight, or refuse to cooperate can make our lives downright miserable. Yet, Jesus was masterful at dealing with difficult people. Following his example can save our sanity and our relationships.
Know when to ignore. When Jesus made his Nazareth friends and neighbors so mad that they wanted to throw him off a cliff, he knew there was no reasoning with them. *“Passing through the midst of them he went away”* (Luke 4:30). When people speak harshly or offensively, the best response can be to disengage and walk away.
Know when to say “no.”
 Sometimes others demand more from us than we are able or willing to give, yet we give in out of guilt or fear of displeasure. Two of his best friends, James and John, said to Jesus, *“we want you to do whatever we ask of you”* (Mark 10:35). In response to this stunning breach of boundaries, Jesus was calm and firm. He said “no” and didn’t second-guess himself when he didn’t make his loved ones happy.
Know when to stay calm. When Jesus took a Sabbath stroll with his friends (Matthew 12), Pharisees barged in and accused him of breaking the Sabbath. He remained calm and answered them peacefully. He wasn’t afraid of being tripped up or trapped because he was unconcerned about others’ opinions.

When Struggling with
 something difficult, don’t give up because others say you should ask God to deepen your resolve. Almost every great idea faced experts who said it couldn’t be done. *“Strengthen me, as you have promised”* (Psalm 119:28).

**WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR
 JANUARY 21ST& 22ND /ALL MASSES AT DIVINE MERCY**

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM	Maskornick, Sherri	Heckard, Louise	_____
7:30 AM	Oravitz Fell, Marguerite	Bronk, Cathy	Daynorowicz, Nolan
10:00 AM	Jones, Mary Jo	Phillips, Kathy	Estrada, Caesar & Estrada, Jose



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.

Additional Christmas Memorial
 \$40 Living & deceased members of the Grochowski & Babinchak families by Anne Grochowski

December Lotto Winners

Salvador Family	12/4	\$ 50.00	#436	Day
Theresa Kolonsky	12/7	\$ 50.00	#427	Eve
John Kelly	12/7	\$ 50.00	#389	Day
Diane Pavlosky	12/11	\$ 50.00	#525	Day
Helen Mikita	12/14	\$ 50.00	#405	Eve
Debbie Laureti	12/16	\$ 25.00	#419	Day
Julie Buchinsky	12/16	\$ 25.00	#575	Eve
Tom & Mary Lou Popalis	12/20	\$ 25.00	#421	Day
Walter Shurko	12/24	\$50.00	#545	Day
F. Kayes	12/26	\$25.00	#425	Eve

Find Peace in Difficult Times

If you follow news about national or world events, the reporting can rob you of peace. With stories of financial insecurity, unemployment, disease, depression, and division, how can we find peace?

Talk it out. Bringing worries into the light and confiding them to someone we trust can cut them down to size. Even better – talk about worries with God. Prayer has the added advantage of surrendering your problems into powerful hands. “Jesus, I trust in You!”

Focus on what you can do, not what you can’t. Stress results from feeling powerless. Focusing on what we can’t do can “paralyze” our problem-solving abilities. Start making a list of steps you can take toward solving your problem. Whatever is beyond your control, leave to God.

Immerse yourself in God’s all-powerful love. Whether we feel it or not, whether we believe it or not, we are God’s precious children. He watches over us very closely. He knows what we can handle and is more than ready to help us with all the rest.

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 and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right hand- corner of the page.

A Prayer for Healing

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, like a watchful shepherd, you care for us, and provide us with all that we need. You shower us with your love and send people into our lives to help care for us, especially in time of sickness or pain.

I pray for healing for myself and for all who suffer because of illness or advanced age. I pray especially for ... (Mention your intentions here.)

In the midst of our pain and weakness, strengthen our faith that we may be filled with hope in you. In the midst of our frustrations and discouragement, give us patience that we may accept our own limitations. In the midst of our loneliness and fears, help us know we are not alone, that you walk with us each moment of our lives.

Be with us, Lord, in our time of need. Heal us in body, soul and spirit that we may rejoice in your grace and blessings in this world and come to enjoy the fullness of your presence in the life to come.

We make this prayer in your name, for you are our Risen Lord, Jesus. Amen



Reconciliation Breathed Into Life by Christ

The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation was born on Easter Sunday Night when Jesus came through the locked door, breathed on the Apostles and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit, whose sins you forgive are forgiven, those sins you retain are retained." It began with the breath of Christ. **Baptism is a start.** Baptism forgives all sins committed to that point. Sins committed after Baptism can be forgiven through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When we sin, we harm ourselves, someone else, the Church (by diminishing the holiness of the Church), and the community. It's necessary to face our sin, confess it, make amends for it, and avoid its repeat. **It's not just for mortal sins.** It's imperative to seek forgiveness for mortal sins through this Sacrament but regular Confession is like having a spiritual check-up. Without it, our sense of sin starts to blur. And that is dangerous. **Contrition is more than regret.** God cannot forgive sins without our contrition. Contrition looks toward the future. It helps us improve as disciples.

Have You Changed Your Address or Phone Number

The parish office is asking that if you have moved or changed your phone number, to please call the parish office and update us with this information. Many addresses and phone numbers of registered parishioners are incorrect in our database. We would like to have our database current.



The *Friends of St. Joseph the Worker, Frackville* will sponsor an "April Showers Meat Raffle". The cost per ticket will be \$10. 1st Prize - \$200 Marlin Market gift card, and 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Prizes - \$100 Marlin Market gift cards. The drawing will take place on April 15 after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. A great way to beat the rising price of meat and to contribute to the rising cost of our parish upkeep! They may be purchased in the Parish Office during normal business hours. Questions: 570-874-0610 ext. 4

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

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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

Simple Ways to Live a Better Life

One consequence of a protracted pandemic is that we are almost forced to rethink the way we go about our daily lives. It's a good time to think about simplifying the way we live:

Live in the moment. We can't change the past and dwelling on the future is unproductive. The choices we make right now are all that count.

Avoid drama. There will always be someone whose situation is worse than our own. If you find yourself seeking attention and sympathy from other people – or get drawn in by those who do – try substituting activities you find positive and interesting instead. Prayer helps.

Talk less. Weigh your words before you say them. Spend more time listening.

Spend time with happy people. Connect in safe and healthy ways with people who are positive and want to improve their lives. Let go of those who drain your energy.

Work happy. No matter how you earn a paycheck, give it your very best effort. That turns any job into a blessing.

"The works of God are all of them good; in its own time every need is supplied"
(Psalm 39:16).

Faith

*is not believing that God can
it is knowing that He will*