



Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of January 29, 2023

Monday, January 30, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Bill Racis** by Dorothy & Romolo
2-4:00 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6-6:30 PM DM **Confessions**

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Joseph Maloney** – 40th Anniversary of Death by Maloney Family

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

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

Thursday, February 2, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Georgette Moyer** by Family

Friday, February 3, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Joann Aponick** by Sister, Nikki
2-4:00 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, February 4, 2023

8:00 AM DM **Mary Lou (DeRose) Schlert**
3:45 PM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
4:00 PM DM **Joseph Heiler** – 10th Anniversary of Death by Wife, Bonnie

Sunday, February 5, 2023

7:30 AM DM **Adolph Jankaitis** by Dan & Rosy Krauson
9:40 AM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
10:00 AM DM **Dave Bright** by Children & Grandchildren
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

January 22nd - \$ 7,924.00



Parish Office will be closed

Monday, February 20th for Presidents’ Day.

The office will reopen on **Tuesday, February 21st at 8:30 AM.**

Do You Receive Church Envelopes?

If you are not receiving church envelopes and would like to be put on the list, please contact the parish office at 462-1968. Thank you.

Divine Mercy Church Memorial Fund

George Hysock

\$5 Maria Rittle

Albert 1/19 & Patricia Drumblusky 1/29

\$10 Family

Leo 1/30 & Loretta Gervell 9/11

\$10 Family

Rest in peace in heaven on your anniversary 2/3... love & miss you

\$10 Daughter, Lisa, Frank & families

Special intentions

\$5 Anonymous

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Father Walter J. Ciszek Chapel

Memorial Fund

George Hysock

\$5 Dorothy & Romolo Laureti



Why do Catholics Need faith?

“Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen”

(Hebrews 11:1). Christians know that Jesus is our Savior and our lives are in his hands. We also know that by virtue of his suffering, death, and Resurrection, we have hope of sharing in his glory in Heaven. He said so.

It is through faith that all the other virtues flow. Through faith we believe, *“For with God, nothing will be impossible”* (Luke 1:37).



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 & Z.S. 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 Mary Lou Buchinsky on her birthday by family
- Blessed Mother In loving memory of James Slip Maloney on his 89th birthday in heaven by Maloney family
- St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
- St. Joseph In memory of Connell & Karvois families by Marilyn Connell
- St. Joseph Special intentions by Michele Elchisak
- Guadalupe In memory of Alejandro Barrientos by Hernandez Perez family
- OLMC Special intentions by Ann Marnell Lehman
- OLMC Special intentions for John Kelly family
- Altar In honor of St. Faustina by Ann Romano
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St. Casimir

- Sanctuary In loving memory of my dad, George Rittle by daughter, Maria
- Czestochowa In memory of our dad, John F. Bagienski by Bagienski family
- Divine Mercy In memory of John & Helen Pukavige by children
- Divine Mercy In loving memory of Frank Macus by Fran & Maria
- Divine Mercy Special intentions by Louis & Donna Kowalski
- Divine Mercy In loving memory of John T. McGuire by wife, Peg
- Blessed Mother In loving memory of Joe & Joestelle by wife & mother
- Blessed Mother God’s blessings for Scott & Brayden George by Elaine Tutko
- Blessed Mother In loving memory of Joe & Joestelle by wife & mother
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- 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

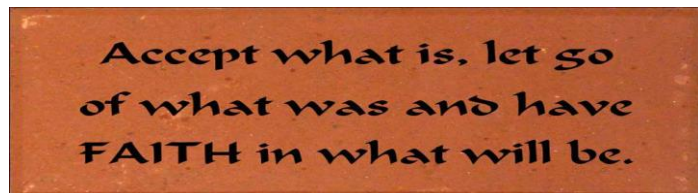
Sunday, January 29th, from 12:00-1:30 PM

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@mariancatholics.org or 467-3335 ext. 117.



DONUT & COFFEE SOCIAL

Come and join us for donuts & coffee on Sunday, February 19th after the 10:00 AM Mass at Trinity Academy School. No admission fee.



Bible Group will meet at the Fr. Ciszek Center **on Thursday, February 9th at 6:30 PM.**

Note: Change of day and time.

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, February 16th at 6:30 PM at the Father Ciszek Center.

Don't Forget About Our WEBSITE!

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

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.

Intercessory Prayer – A Double Blessing

When we pray for others, we offer powerful help for someone in need. It's the best action we can take for others. Intercessory prayer is also a gift for the one who prays. **Prayers of friends can save.** Remember when a group of friends lowered a paralyzed man through a roof so Jesus could cure him (Mark2:1-12)? Jesus was clearly touched by their devotion. His usual response when asked for healing was, "your faith has saved you." This time he said, "The faith of your friends has saved you." **Place friends' needs before Jesus.** In the Gospel story, Jesus changed the man's life and amazed all who watched. Imagine the kind of difference we can each make when we ask Jesus to help our friends. **Prayer blesses both the one who prays and the one prayed for.**

Those for whom we pray are blessed by the positive effect of our prayers. We are also blessed by the connection prayer gives us to God and by seeing the results of our prayers.



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.**



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.



Preschool Information

Open Registration for the 2023-2024 Divine Mercy Pre-School Program

Under the Direction of Mrs. Sharon Tobin, B.A. Exceptional Child Study. Pre-school will be held at the Fr. Walter Ciszek Education Center (Trinity Academy), 233 W. Cherry Street, Shenandoah, PA 17976 - Phone 462-3927

Children ages 3, 4 and 5 are welcome to attend for half and/or full day Pre-School classes Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM. Our Pre-School Program follows a modified Montessori method to prepare your child for the world of learning and his/her admission to Kindergarten. Attendance five days per week allows your child to benefit by participating in more of the learning opportunities provided.

Registration will begin on February 21st at the above-mentioned address. Our Registration fee of \$75.00 is non-refundable. You may register from 9:00 AM -2:00 PM each day in school.

Please call Sr. Patricia Mount at 462-3927 to set up an appointment or to request a registration packet.

Does Being a “Good Catholic” Mean Following All the Rules Exactly?

The ancient Jews had a lot of rules. Jewish Law dictated what you could eat, how to stay ritually clean, and how to spend Saturdays. Yet, when asked what the most important commandment was, Jesus’ answer brought his listeners back to the basics: *“You shall love the Lord, you God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind...you shall love your neighbor as yourself”* (Matthew 22:37).

Jesus didn’t give rules so much as he laid down principles. At the Last Supper, Jesus gave his disciples a New Commandment: *“Love one another as I love you”* (John 15:12). This New Commandment gives us the whole Law in its simplest form: Catholicism, at its heart, is about love—Christ-like love for God and others. Being a good Catholic isn’t about following all the rules perfectly for perfection’s sake, but about falling in love with God. Once that happens, following the Commandments and the Beatitudes takes care of itself. They cease to be rules and become a lifestyle.

What is the Magisterium?

The Magisterium is the teaching authority of the Church, exercised by the pope and the bishops (*Catechism of the Catholics Church, 2033*). Christ gave this authority to Peter and then to the Apostles as a group when he gave them the power of binding and loosing (*Matthew 16:19, 18:18*). This authority involves matters of faith and morals. As Catholics, we believe the Holy Spirit guides the thinking of the pope and bishops. We are therefore required to accept these teachings.

“You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever” Psalm 16:11.



“Quality Home Baked Pies Available For Fundraising”



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Again, we are very excited to announce that for the second time, Divine Mercy Parish will sponsor a Deppen Pie Sale as a fundraiser for the parish this year.

When: Wednesday, March 15th ... **Weather Permitting**
Where: Father Walter Ciszek Education Center (formerly Trinity Academy)
Time: 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Cost: prices vary.... See below
Deadline for orders: Wednesday, March 1st
 Money is due at the time the order is placed.

The following are the flavors of pies available: Apple/Apple Crumb, Blueberry/Blueberry Crumb, Cherry/Cherry Crumb, Peach/Peach Crumb, Strawberry/Strawberry Crumb, Shoo-Fly, Coconut Custard and Lemon Sponge

Our nine (9) inch pies will arrive shrink wrapped and boxed ready for delivery. Our pies are freshly made and should be delivered to your customers promptly-the same day. Please **DO NOT let them sit in a warm room or car**. After a pie is baked, room temperature is its enemy. For best results keep pies refrigerated. Many customers like to freeze our pies for later enjoyment. We suggest you do not freeze custard type (lemon sponge, coconut, pumpkin) as they have eggs and milk and become watery when frozen. The fruit pies with a lid are the most successful to freeze. Remove from the freezer, remove wrap, let thaw, partially or totally, place on a cookie sheet and re-bake at 325-375 F. for 10-20 minutes, and enjoy.

Order forms will be mailed to the parishioners the beginning of February.

Below is an order form in case you do not receive one in the mail.

Deppen Pie Sale Order Form

Name: _____
 Phone Number: _____

Please indicate on the form which pie you would like and the quantity:

_____	Apple	\$ 12.50	_____	Lemon Sponge	\$ 12.50
_____	Apple Crumb	\$ 12.50	_____	Coconut Custard	\$ 12.50
_____	Blueberry	\$ 13.50	_____	Shoo – Fly	\$ 12.50
_____	Blueberry Crumb	\$ 13.50	_____	Strawberry	\$ 12.50
_____	Cherry	\$ 13.50	_____	Strawberry Crumb	\$ 12.50
_____	Cherry Crumb	\$ 13.50	_____	Peach	\$ 13.50
_____	Peach Crumb	\$ 13.50			

Amount enclosed: _____



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.

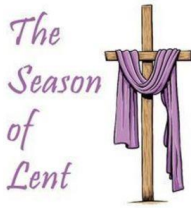
WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 4TH & 5TH /ALL MASSES AT DIVINE MERCY

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM	Hardy,Barbara	Mealia,Patrick	Blank,Name
7:30 AM	Bronk,Cathy	Selvocki,Joseph	Daynorowicz,Nolan
10:00 AM	Twardzik,Joann	Engle,Lillian	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.

Ash Wednesday is Approaching Us Fast



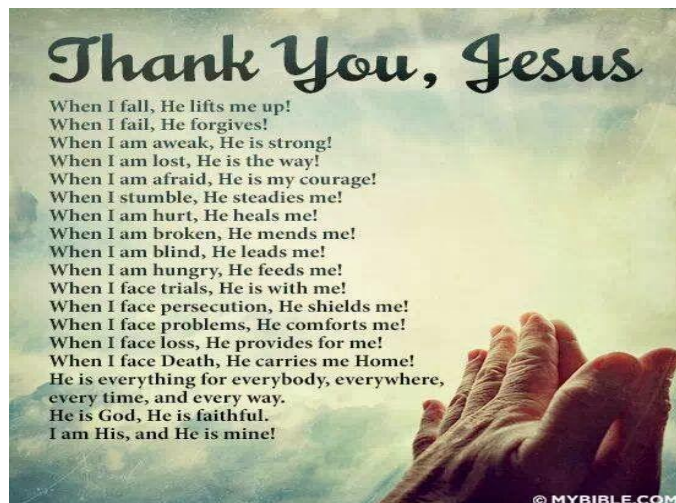
The priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Misal, applying it to all in general: “Repent, and believe in the Gospel”, or “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return”. The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places.

Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday:

Wednesday	Feb. 22nd	6:45 AM	Divine Mercy
		12:30 PM	Divine Mercy
		5:30 PM	Divine Mercy



Divine Mercy Parish Homemade Pierogies are available. Cost: \$ 8.00 per dozen.



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

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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.

Keep sending them to the office.

Please do not cut any of the receipt away.

Amount received from receipts: \$1,367.42

Financial Report -- December

Net December Income	\$ 67,866.44	Expenses	\$ 61,747.50
		Insurance	\$ 7,422.00
		Assessments	\$ 4,023.00
Total Income	\$ 67,866.44	Total Expenses	\$ 73,192.50
Expenses over income	\$ 5,326.06	This shows a loss of	\$ 5,326.06

Forgiveness is a Gift for You

Right or wrong, when we hold onto an injury, we get trapped in the pain of it indefinitely. Forgiving frees us to move on. Forgiveness is something we do for ourselves: **Start with a sign.** Even if you are the one injured, let the other person know you are ready to forgive by offering something tangible: flowers, a card, a hug. *"Come now, let us set things right, says the Lord"* (Isaiah 1:18). **Separate the offense from the offender.** God doesn't abandon us when we sin. He loves us no matter what and asks that we do the same for each other. **Forgive and forget.** You can't have one without the other. Forgiveness entails cancelling a debt, whether by God or another person. *"(Love) does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things ..."* (1 Corinthians 13:5-8).

Love and Live Your Faith

Faith in God is not a passive virtue resting in the background of our lives. Belief and love for God compels us to an active life of serving, sharing, and living our faith daily. **Embrace excellence.** All that we do becomes a prayer when we give our employers, communities, neighborhoods and families our best abilities in God's name. **Celebrate the Eucharist.** No Catholic life is complete without weekly Mass attendance. Do what is necessary so you can receive Communion. **Become family.** Register in your parish and look for ways to get involved in a parish ministry, such as lecturing, ushering, singing, or becoming a Eucharistic minister. **Be joyful.** Scripture comforts us with the assurance that God will not rest until we find our way home to him. Reject Earthly worry and live with joy. God is in control. **Forgive often.** Learn to practice this critical skill – and to ask for it when needed. **Flee temptation.** St. Peter tells us to "escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires" (2 Peter 1:4). Ask God often to protect you from sin, to give you the wisdom and courage to make good choices