



Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of February 19, 2023

Monday, February 20, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Lawrence McElroy by Sister Helene**
 2-4:00 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 6-6:30 PM DM **Confessions**

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Ronald Lusavage** by Board of Directors of Fr. Walter Cizek
 Prayer League

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 – Ash Wednesday

6:45 AM DM **Living & Deceased Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters**
 12:30 PM DM **Patrick Cooney** by Shala Family
 2-4:00 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 5:30 PM DM **Living & Deceased Members of the Lord & Socian
 Families**
 7:00 PM DM Communion Service & Ashes (En Espanol)

Thursday, February 23, 2023

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

Friday, February 24, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Living & Deceased Bernardine Franciscan Sisters**
 3:00 PM DM **Stations of the Cross & Benediction**
 7:00 PM DM **Stations of the Cross (En Espanol)**

Saturday, February 25, 2023

8:00 AM DM **Joseph & Anna Savakinas** by Daughter
 3:45 PM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
 4:00 PM DM **Edward John Miller – Happy 12th Anniversary In Heaven**
 by Sisters, Mary, Sally & Brother, Miles

Sunday, February 26, 2023

7:30 AM DM **Konstanti Hiczan** by Family
 9:40 AM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
 10:00 AM DM **Edward & Sophie Prosack** by Son, John
 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

February 12th - \$ 5,204.00



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

Ronald Luscavage
 \$10 Joe & Joanne Cugusi & family
 \$10 Joe & Sue Prohibition
 \$5 Catherine Toborowski
Our Dad, Leonard Tunilla – love & miss you
 \$10 Daughters, Janet, Diane & Mary Kay
Katherine Breznik
 \$50 Kowalonek family
 \$25 Vince & Ruth Bindie
 \$25 Albert & Diane Bindie
 \$20 Barb & John Szczyglak & family
 \$20 Susan Kayesuski, Ed & Lisa Chatcavage & John & Beth Chatcavage
 \$20 Jodi, Dan & Taylor Loughlin
 \$20 Leonard & Josie Tomchick
 \$10 Walukiewicz Oravitz Fell F. H.
 \$10 Danny & Joan Shustack
 \$10 Bob Shustack
 \$10 William & Betty Hogan
 \$10 Jake & Michelle Onisick
 \$10 Dorothy & Romolo Laureti
 \$10 Barbara Shatalsky
 \$10 Baginski family
 \$10 Parker family
 \$10 M/M Michael Creasy
 \$10 Annette Creasy
 \$10 Stephanie Oshman
Loretta Skubel
 \$10 Diane & Theresa Paruch
 \$10 Ed & Fran Domkus
 \$10 Peter Ulicny
 \$10 Rita & John Karas
Jean Maksimik
 \$20 Susan Kayesuski, Ed & Lisa Chatcavage & John & Beth Chatcavage
Clarence Oshman
 \$5 Catherine Toborowski
Marilyn Markavage
 \$5 Catherine Toborowski
Special intentions
 \$5 Anonymous
God’s healing for Rita Sherkas
 \$5 Catherine Toborowski
Father Walter J. Ciszek Chapel Memorial Fund
Ronald Luscavage
 \$50 Thomas Lombardo & family
 \$50 Sachleben & Decusky families
 \$20 Paul Straka
 \$20 Chris Kowalski
 \$10 Karen & Leo Kayes
 \$10 David, Daria & Abigail Kayes
 \$5 A friend

Devotional Lamps

Divine Mercy

Sanctuary In memory of my beloved parents & sister, Angelo & Enrica & Jean Romano by Ann Romano
 Divine Mercy In loving memory of Anna (Nasuti) Kinderman by Phyllis & Rob Shumski
 Divine Mercy Good health for Lillian Burcin by Toth, Burcin, Rothermel, Shustack & Minnich families
 Divine Mercy Special intention for Rita Sherakas 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
 Divine Mercy Special intentions by Joan Madaffari
 Blessed Mother In memory of Albert Jr. Albert Sr., Anna, George & Regina Discavage by Irene
 Blessed Mother In loving memory of Rose Pribish by daughter-in-law, Joann & grandson, Zach
 Blessed Mother In memory of Anna Marie Bobrowsky on her birthday by daughter & husband
 Blessed Mother Good health for Lillian Burcin by Toth, Burcin, Rothermel, Shustack & Minnich families
 Blessed Mother In loving memory of Rose Pribish by Buchinsky family
 Blessed Mother In memory of Katherine Breznik
 St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
 St. Ann In loving memory of my husband, Paul Pecunas Sr. on his 9th anniversary of death by wife, Eileen
 St. Joseph In memory of Connell & Karvois families by Marilyn Connell
 St. Joseph In memory of Frank Babinchock by daughter, Donna & family
 St. Joseph Good health for Lillian Burcin by Toth, Burcin, Rothermel, Shustack & Minnich families
 Pieta Good health & God’s blessings for Rita Sherakas on her birthday by Barb
 OLMC Special intentions for John Kelly family
 OLMC Special intentions by Ann Marnell Lehman
 Sacred Heart In memory of Katherine Breznik
 Sacred Heart In memory of Stanley Gawrylik by niece, Cathy & family
 Altar In memory of Stanley & Arlene Sadusky by Joe & Sharon Sadusky
 Altar In memory of Thomas & Elizabeth Barlow by Sharon & Joe Sadusky

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 Special intentions for Christopher, Hope, Marc, Benjamin & Morgan
 Divine Mercy Special intentions by Louis & Donna Kowalski
 Divine Mercy In loving memory of my dearest husband, Leonard by wife, Theresa Tunilla
 Divine Mercy In memory of John & Helen Pukavige by children
 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 Special intentions, in thanksgiving & good health for Msgr. Bocian, Fr. Dene, Brian Rooney, George Huss, Estelle McLaren & Dawn
 Sacred Heart Special intentions by Mary Kufro

Chapel

Sanctuary In memory of Gino Bruni by Mary Ann & family
 Blessed Mother Prayers & good health for Emily Seigel by uncle Ed & aunt Kerri
 St. Joseph Special intentions by Msgr. B

Katherine Breznik

\$20 Barbara Jo Bushinski & family
 \$20 Anne & Jenn Grochowski
 \$10 Karen & Leo Kayes

During Lent, there will be NO adoration in the chapel on a Monday or Friday due to Adoration, Confessions, Benediction & Stations of the Cross held on Monday & Tuesday evenings beginning at 5:00 PM and Adoration and Stations of the Cross & Benediction held every Friday at 3:00 PM all held at Divine Mercy.

Bible Group will meet at the Fr. Ciszek Center **on Thursday, March 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, March 2nd at 6:30 PM at the Father Ciszek Center.

Franciscan Group will meet on Thursday, March 16th at 6:30 PM at the Father Ciszek Center.

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.

Support Retired Sisters

The Bernardine Franciscan Sisters invite you to Bernardine Bonanza on Friday, March 10th at 6:30 PM at the Plex at Alvernia University. For more information about this fun-filled event, which will support their retired and infirmed Sisters, visit www.bfranciscan.org or call Sr. Maria Bartos at 484-334-6815.

Mass Book of 2023

There are many days not taken with Mass intentions for this year.

If you would like additional Masses, please contact the office.

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.

January Lotto Winners

Gloria Laudeman	1/5	# 475	\$50.00	Eve
Annette Creasy	1/10	# 500	\$25.00	Eve
Mel Mac	1/19	# 499	\$50.00	Day
Anna Mae Moser	1/22	# 585	\$50.00	Eve
Helene Gaborek	1/25	# 614	\$50.00	Eve
Patsy Bright	1/26	# 642	\$50.00	Day
Tyler Savakinas	1/27	# 598	\$25.00	Eve
Linda Cadau	1/29	# 492	\$50.00	Day

Our Lenten Obligation

Church law considers every Friday and the season of Lent as penitential days and times. The practice of penance is a part of our faith and Christian life. When we do penance, we imitate Jesus, who Himself recommended it as necessary to His followers, and gave them the example of His prayer and fasting.

The Lenten obligation, as determined for Catholics in the United States by our bishops, requires that fasting be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The law of abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Who must fast? All Catholics who are between the ages of 18 and 59. The obligation ceases when one begins his/her 60th year on his/her 59th birthday.

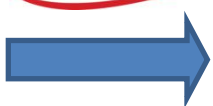
Who must abstain? All Catholics who are 14 years and older. **What does fasting mean?** The observance of fasting means that those obliged may take only one full meal on the day of fast. Two lighter meals (not equal to another full meal) may be taken to maintain strength according to one's needs. **What does abstinence mean?** The law of abstinence forbids the eating of meat, including poultry. Voluntary abstinence refers to refraining from lawful pleasures in a spirit of penance.

Can anyone be dispensed or excused from fast and/or abstinence? Individuals for a just cause may be dispensed by their pastor or by a priest with the faculty to do so. In our Diocese all priests may dispense individuals who are committed to their pastoral care. Those who are ill or have a similar serious reason are excused from the observance of fast and abstinence. Catholics are reminded that they should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation. **Are there other obligations which we should fulfill?** Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their "Easter Duty." They are required to receive Holy Communion during the Easter time. In the United States this obligation can be fulfilled from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday (February 26th until June 4th). Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins once a year. Catholics are also encouraged to make Lent a time of more intense prayer and to practice almsgiving and other works of charity. Parishes are encouraged to continue participation in Operation Rice Bowl.



Don't Miss the

DEADLINE!



Easter Memorials & Easter Flower Memorials This year the booklet for the Easter Memorials and Easter Flower Memorials will be printed again by our bulletin company. You will find an envelope for each one in your packet of March envelopes. Dated: March 26th. **The deadline for having your Easter Memorials & Easter Flower Memorials sent to the office will be Monday, March 27th. All memorials must be sent to the publishing company early. Any memorials received after Monday, March 27th will NOT be included with the Easter Bulletin. They will be published in a later bulletin. Please keep in mind, this date may change. If any change, it will be published in bulletin.**

**Marian Catholic High School
Marian Fillies Softball Preseason
Clinic** for girls in grades 3-8 interested in softball will be held on Saturday, March 4th, from 9:00AM-Noon, \$20.00 per player. Join us for instruction, practice, throwing, hitting, fielding- and for the pure enjoyment of the sport and friendship. Participants should wear sneakers and bring personal softball equipment. Register by contacting Coach Deangelo at jdeangelo@mariancatholichs.org

**Lenten Day of Prayer for
Your Own Intentions
Wednesday, March 1st**

**7:15 AM immediately following
6:45 AM Mass to 6:00 PM - Chapel**

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus - Philippians 4:6-7

“God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer.” – Mother Teresa

- 7:15 AM (Right after 6:45 AM Mass) to 6:00 PM - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration in Chapel

Why do Catholics Strike Their Chests?

When we use our voices, our minds, and even our bodies during prayer, we pray with deeper meaning and enthusiasm. During the Confiteor at Mass, for example, we strike our chest three times, saying, “through my fault, through my fault, through *my most grievous* fault.” It’s an ancient symbol of sorrow and repentance for having offended God or hurting our neighbor. Such a gesture reminds us to take responsibility for our actions and pray for forgiveness and grace to change.



“Quality Home Baked Pies Available For Fundraising”



2535 Luxemburg Road • Lykens, PA 17048
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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.

Forms were mailed out!

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: _____

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

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
ASH WEDNESDAY & FEB. 25TH & 26TH
ALL MASSES AT DIVINE MERCY**

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
Ash Wednesday 12:30 PM	Hardy, Barbara	Toborowsky, Robert	_____
Ash Wednesday 5:30 PM	Taylor, Anne	Twardzik, Pam	Selbi, Jennifer
4:00 PM	Brophy, Marty	Phillips, Kathy	_____
7:30 AM	Grochowski, Anne	Grochowski, Jennifer	Snitzer, Isabella
10:00 AM	Twardzik, Joann	Michalik, Marie	Estrada, Jose Estrada, Caesar

February, March & April Schedules are also available on Website... dmparish.com

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 Missal, 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
		7:00 PM	Communion Service & Ashes
			Divine Mercy - Spanish

Upcoming Events

Seafood Dinner – sponsored by St. Teresa of Calcutta Church, Mahanoy City will be held on Friday, March 10th from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM in the parish hall. Eat in or take out. Fish, crab cakes or shrimp \$ 15.00 -- Combo – one piece fish, one crab cake and five shrimp \$ 18.00. All platters include: French fries, green beans, coleslaw & dessert. Call office if interested: 773-2771.

Casino Bus Trip - Tropicana Resort Casino, Atlantic City - sponsored by St. Teresa of Calcutta Church, Mahanoy City will be held on Saturday, March 11th. Bus will depart from St. Cecilia (Catawissa Street) at 8:00 AM and will depart from casino at 6:30 PM. Cost is \$47.00 per person and \$10.00 rebate in slot play. Lunch will be provided! Fun & games on bus. Call Kathy at 773-0378 or Tom at 773-0838.

Homemade Shoo Fly Pie & Pie Crusts sponsored by members of St. Mary’s Church, Ringtown will be held on Tuesday, March 28th from 10:00 AM to Noon at St. Mary’s Church Rectory. Deadline to order: Thursday, March 23rd. Cost: Wet Bottom Pie \$ 9.00 and Crust \$ 3.00. Call the parish office and leave your name, phone number and order or call Marie at 889-3825 or see any choir member.

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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Cemetery Note

Please help us to keep all of our cemeteries looking nice and well maintained throughout the fall and winter months. **Please remove and take home any flowers, planters, wreaths or baskets you placed on the graves. Flowers, baskets, logs & planters left on the graves will be removed & disposed of.** Decorations, statues, and stepping stones should be removed permanently and if left will be disposed of. The cemeteries close daily at sunset, the gates will be closed during the winter months to prevent vandalism & trespass. Thank you for your cooperation

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

EMBER DAYS

As the Season of Lent approaches, His Excellency, Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert asks the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Allentown to celebrate the Ember Days for the Season as a sign of reparation and healing for the Church. Ember Days are quarterly observances with three days set aside (Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday) to pray in gratitude for the blessings of the season and human labor, to thank God publicly. There are twelve Ember Days in all.

Holy Mother Church provides many opportunities to refresh and renew. The Lenten Ember Days blends with the season of Lent, providing reminders to continue and persevere in the spirit of conversion and penance. The fasting and abstinence would follow the current laws of the Church, with abstaining being from all meat, and fasting would be one full meal a day, with the allowance of two smaller meals that do not equal the main meal, and no eating between meals.

The Church no longer regularly ordains priests during the Quarterly Ember Days, but traditionally this is a special time, particularly Ember Saturday, to pray for priests and for seminarians.

The Lenten Ember Days for 2023 are as follows: Wednesday, March 1, 2023, Friday, March 3, 2023, and Saturday, March 4, 2023.



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 Cizek 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.