



Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of February 26, 2023

Monday, February 27, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Paul & Barbara Byrne** by Margaret Devanney
5-6:00 PM DM Confessions & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6-7:00 PM DM Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Rose Marie Mount** by Daughter, Sister Patricia
5-6:00 PM DM **Lenten Devotions Cancelled**
6-7:00 PM DM **Lenten Devotions Cancelled**

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Edward Prosack** by Wife, Lou Ann
7:15-6:00 PM Chapel Lenten Day Retreat

Thursday, March 2, 2023

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

Friday, March 3, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Stanley & Alberta Toborowsky** by Son, Bob & Daughter, Rita
3:00 PM DM Stations of the Cross & Benediction
7:00 PM DM Stations of the Cross (En Espanol)

Saturday, March 4, 2023

8:00 AM DM **Georgette Moyer** by Family
3:45 PM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
4:00 PM DM **Loving Memory of Andrew J. Miller On His Birthday** by Mom & Dad

Sunday, March 5, 2023

7:30 AM DM **Good Health & God's Blessings For Pat Ravinsky** by Family
9:40 AM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
10:00 AM DM **Joseph & Janine Dettery, William & Margaret Webb, Bill Jr. & Chad Webb** by Jackie Webb
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 19th - \$ 6,667.00

Special Second Collection

Will be taken up the weekend of **March 3rd and 4th** for those who were wounded and homeless or lack basic human services and supplies from the Earthquake in Turkey & Syria. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to our Pastor, Msgr. Bocian

who will celebrate his 51st anniversary in the priesthood on March 18th. We wish Msgr. many more years in the priesthood and we will continue to pray for him that God will bless him with good health & many more years at our parish.

Divine Mercy Church Memorial Fund

Ronald Luscavage
 \$10 Mary Rose Masternack
 \$10 Mary Lou Bachike
Loretta Skubel
 \$50 Mary Skubel
 \$50 George, Jessica & Joseph McKay
 \$50 Joe, Sam, Sophie & Anne Skubel
 \$25 Sandy & Bob Skobel
 \$25 Linda & Leo Breznik
 \$20 Cindy & Ron Jones
 \$20 Jim & Ann McAndrew
 \$20 Bonnie & Al Malacusk
 \$20 Marilyn Shearn & family
 \$20 Mary Lou Popalis & family
 \$10 Steve & Barb Oravitz
 \$10 Nancy Pytak & family
 \$10 Parker family
 \$10 Ed & Jess Kowalski
 \$10 Theresa Kosar
 \$10 Gloria Choplick
 \$10 Walter & Helene Choplick
 \$10 William Bechtel
 \$10 Diane & Fred Keim
 \$10 Annette Creasy
 \$10 Barbara Pukavige
 \$10 Patsy Bright
 \$10 Jim & Kate Tedesco
James Hughes
 \$100 Nephew, James Hughes & wife, Kathleen
 \$20 Niece, Mary Frances Parker & Husband, Rick
 \$20 Great Nephew, Jim & Leah Donovan & daughter, Elizabeth
 \$20 Nephew, Edward Donovan & family
 \$20 Niece, Kay Marie McCoach
 \$20 Niece, Georgeann Spillman & family
 \$20 Niece, Patricia LoGiurato
 \$20 Niece, Peggy & Ed Fitzpatrick
 \$20 Sister, Jean Dower & nephew, Mark Dower
 \$10 Walukiewicz Oravitz Fell F. H.
 \$10 Bob & Darlene Kubilis
 \$10 Catizone family
Katherine Breznik
 \$10 David, Daria & Abby
Special intentions
 \$5 Anonymous
Father Walter Cizek Chapel Memorial Fund
Ronald Luscavage
 \$20 Debbie & Joe Laureti
 \$10 Alycia Laureti
 \$10 Dr. Joe & Jenna Laureti & family

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. Z.S. R.G., L.B. & J.B. by M/M John Maskornick
 Divine Mercy In memory of Patrick Cooney by M/M John M. Thomas
 Divine Mercy Good health for Lillian Burcin by family
 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 Good health & speedy recovery for Ginny McAndrew by Jackie Webb
 Blessed Mother God's blessings for Valerie Sajone on her birthday by Helen Sherman
 Blessed Mother Special intention
 Blessed Mother In memory of Joseph & Mary Martina by grandchildren & great grandchildren
 Blessed Mother In loving memory of Helen & Al Bronk by son, Al & family
 Blessed Mother Special intentions & in thanksgiving
 Blessed Mother Special intentions by Jackie Webb
 Blessed Mother Good health for Lillian Burcin by family
 St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
 St. Joseph In memory of Connell & Karvois families by Marilyn Connell
 St. Joseph Good health for Lillian Burcin by family
 St. Joseph Happy 1st anniversary in heaven, Thomas Patrick Monaghan 2/27 by daughter, Michele Elchisak
 Sacred Heart Special intentions by Annette Creasy
 Sacred Heart In memory of Sophie Kalinowski on her birthday in heaven by friend, Mary Lou
 Sacred Heart In memory of Pat Cooney by Jose Ramirez
 OLMC Special intentions for John Kelly family

St. Casimir

Sanctuary In loving memory of my dad, George Rittle by daughter, Maria
 Czestochowa In loving memory of Michalik, Mentel, Zelonis, Lenkaitis, Shirvinski families
 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 Ronald Luscavage by M/M John M. Thomas
 Divine Mercy Special intentions by Louis & Donna Kowalski
 Divine Mercy In loving memory of Leonard & Lillian Mankiewicz by Fran & Maria
 Divine Mercy In memory of John & Helen Pukavige by children
 Divine Mercy Special intentions for Christopher, Hope, Benjamin & Morgan
 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, Stephen Bocian, Fr. Dene, Brian Rooney, George Huss, Estelle McLaren, Dawn & Abby
 Sacred Heart Special intentions by Mary Kufro
 Sacred Heart Special intentions for Marc
 St. Anthony Special intentions for Marc

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

Ronald Luscavage
\$10 Kathryn & Leonard Boris
Katherine Breznik
\$10 Kathryn & Leonard Boris
Robert Mozdy
10 Kathryn & Leonard Boris

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.

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.

Welcome to Jayline Guzman Gonzalez who was baptized on Sunday, February 19th. Jayline is the daughter of Luis A. Guzman & Jocelyn Gonzalez. May God bless her and keep her in His care.



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.**



Holy Thursday

Thurs. 4/6	Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00 PM	Divine Mercy
	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament	7:45 – 8:30 PM	Divine Mercy

Good Friday

Friday 4/7	Confession	10-11AM	Divine Mercy
	Stations of the Cross	Noon	Divine Mercy
	Good Friday Services	3:00 PM	Divine Mercy
	Visitation of the Tomb	4-5 PM	Divine Mercy
	Spanish - Veneration of the Cross, Stations, Reading of the Passion and Communion Service	5:00 PM	Divine Mercy

Holy Saturday

Saturday 4/8	Blessing of Baskets	1:00 PM	Divine Mercy
	Holy Saturday Vigil Mass	8:00 PM	Divine Mercy

Holy Water will be available after the Easter Vigil Liturgy

Easter Sunday

Sunday 4/9	Easter Sunday Mass	7:30AM	Divine Mercy
	Easter Sunday Mass	10:00AM	Divine Mercy
	Easter Sunday Mass (en español)	12:30 PM	Divine Mercy



God Doesn't Joke

The residents of Sodom and Gomorrah were so sinful that the Lord decided to destroy the cities. He sent angels to lead Abraham's nephew, Lot, and his family to safety but the daughters' fiancées wouldn't follow and were destroyed because they thought Lot was joking about the wrath of God. Even today, people think it's okay to joke about God and sin. Catholics know that God's wrath is fearful and sin is no joke at all.

Divine Mercy Parish Pierogies are available at the parish office \$ 8.00 per dozen.

The Cross "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his Cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9:23).

“Giving Up” or “Giving For?”

Lent implies deprivation and uncomfortable penances, but it can be more meaningful. Consider turning your offerings into gifts of gratitude for God’s gifts:

Give time in prayer: God, who created the universe, wants to spend time with you. Whether it’s reading Scripture, praying the Rosary, or attending daily Mass, know that God is delighted you’re spending time with Him, and will give you all the graces you need to stay close to Him.

Give small gifts with great love: St. Therese of Lisieux was expert at turning small sacrifices into powerful deeds by her love. Our Lenten sacrifices, entrusted to God, do immense good that we’ll see fully in Heaven. Whoever knew that our simple Lenten offerings can be part of God’s saving work?

Give half your cloak: According to legend, St. Martin of Tours gave half of his cloak to a cold beggar. That night, Jesus appeared to St. Martin in a dream, wearing the cloak. When we serve others, it is Jesus who ultimately receives our gift.

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

“Quality Home Baked Pies Available For Fundraising”



2535 Luxemburg Road • Lykens, PA 17048
Phone: 717.365.3269 • Fax: 717.365.3456

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.

Bautismos Todos están invitados a bautizar a sus hijos. Aún si usted no está casado en la Iglesia se puede bautizar a su bebé. Sin embargo, le pedimos que seleccione una pareja que se casó en la Iglesia Católica para ser sus padrinos. Si un padrino / madrina es una persona soltera, él / ella puede convertirse en una condición de que, esa persona ha recibido el bautismo. Por favor, tenga en cuenta que una pareja, civilmente casada o una persona que vive junto a otra persona como una pareja no está calificada para ser un padrino/madrina. Si son de fuera de nuestra parroquia, por favor, díles de obtener un certificado de elegibilidad de su pastor al menos dos semanas de anticipación. Padre llevará a cabo clases de bautismo, tanto para los padres y padrinos y administrar el rito del bautismo. Por favor, visite la oficina parroquial (108 W.Cherry St., Shenandoah. Teléfono 570 (462)1968) para reservar fechas y rellenar formularios. El proceso es muy fácil.

Diocesan Information

If a Prenatal Diagnosis is Poor... You are not alone. There is help. The Diocese of Allentown has a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. For support, contact: Sr. Janice Marie Johnson, . Johnson@allentowndiocese.org or 610-289-8900 x 245.

Victim Assistance Coordinator The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church. Victim Assistance Coordinator—**Direct Telephone Number:** 1-800-791-9209. To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown’s Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit www.allentowndiocese.org and click on “Youth Protection ” in the upper right hand- corner of the page.

**WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR
MARCH 4TH & 5TH
ALL MASSES AT DIVINE MERCY**

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM	Brophy, Marty	Heckard, Louise	_____
7:30 AM	Selvocki, Joseph	Bronk, Cathy	Daynorowicz, Nolan
10:00 AM	Taylor, Anne	Jones, Mary Jo	Selbi, Jennifer

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

Upcoming Events

Basket Auction – sponsored by Shenandoah Valley PTO will be held on Friday, March 3rd from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM and Saturday, March 4th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Shenandoah Valley Elementary Gym, 805 West Centre St., Shenandoah. Tickets will be pulled at 3:00 PM on Saturday. Refreshments available in the cafeteria. Shop & drop both days. You do not need to be present to win! Some prizes include: \$3,000 Trip of your choice, Taylor Swift tickets, PS5, Yeti Coolers, Patio Furniture, Large TV, Blackstone Grill, Pizza Oven, Gaming Chair, Roomba, Sports Tickets.

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.

Spring Bazaar!! sponsored by St. Charles Borromeo, Ashland will be held in the parish hall, 1115 Walnut St. Ashland on Saturday, March 11th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM....Homemade Soup, Barbeque, Pigeons, Bake Sale, Rummage Sale & Kids Corner.

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 Chocolate Easter Candy - Butter Cream, Coconut Cream or Peanut Butter Eggs** - \$11.00 per box. *Sorry, no mixed boxes.* Proceeds benefit St. Patrick Parish – All orders are due by March 13th. To place an order, please call the Parish Office at - 622-1802, ext 0. Candy may be picked up in our Parish Center (313 Mahantongo St., Pottsville) during the Palm Sunday Weekend Bake Sale - April 1st from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM or April 2nd from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM. All candy MUST be pre-ordered and pre-paid.

Healing Mass Fr. George Winne, assistant pastor of Sacred Heart and Immaculate Conception Churches, Allentown, will celebrate a healing Mass at St. John the Baptist Church (10th and Mahantongo Sts., Pottsville) on Monday, March 27th at 6:30 PM. Mass will be followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during which Father will pray for and with anyone who wishes. The evening will conclude with Benediction. All of us need healing somewhere in our lives, whether physically, spiritually, or emotionally. As we journey through Lent, please consider joining us to pray for yourself or someone else in your life in need of healing.

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

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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 began 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.