



Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of March 12, 2023

Monday, March 13, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Lenore Kurlowicz** by Sisters
 5-6:00 PM DM Confessions & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 6-7:00 PM DM Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Living & Deceased Members of Divine Mercy Parish**
 5-6:00 PM DM Confessions & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 6-7:00 PM DM Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Carissa Waiksnoris, Mark & David Twardzik** by Chris & Jo Ann Twardzik
 2-4 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, March 16, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Jack Wright** by Charlotte & Dave Kriner

Friday, March 17, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Joann, Ed & Adele Lipec** by Pat & Leo Treshock & Family
 3:00 PM DM Stations of the Cross & Benediction
 7:00 PM DM Stations of the Cross (En Espanol)

Saturday, March 18, 2023

8:00 AM DM **Ronald Lusavage** by Shenandoah Catholic Class of 1966
 3:45 PM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
 4:00 PM DM **John Beacher** by Keith Harkins, MD

Sunday, March 19, 2023

7:30 AM DM **Michael, Anna & Joe Caulfield** by Francis Caulfield
 9:40 AM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
 10:00 AM DM **Al Pronio** by Tom & Pam Twardzik & Sons
 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 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

March 5th - \$ 6,476.00



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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.



The parish office will close at 1:30 PM on Wednesday, March 15th due to the Deppen Pie Pick Up. The office will reopen on Thursday, March 16th at 8:30 AM.

Divine Mercy Church Memorial Fund

Robert Mozdy

\$10 Evelyn Hollenbach

Cark Sulzberger

\$10 Evelyn Hollenbach

In deepest memory of our dear sister,

Ginny Jurewicz 3/12/23

\$10 Joanie & Charlie

Joseph & Louise Palubinsky

\$25 Joe, Donna, Allen & Tricia

\$25 Grandchildren & great Grandchildren

James Tedesco

\$25 Gene, Trish & Angie

Larry Sr. & Bernie Straka

\$25 Sister, Jenny & family

Johnny Burns

\$5 Brother, Michael & family

Helen Savitsky

\$5 Joe & Jenny Navitsky

Special intentions

\$5 Anonymous



Do You Need Some Quiet Time With Jesus?

The Chapel will also be open on **Sunday**, March 26th from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. This is an addition to our regular Chapel schedule.



To everyone who attended our coffee & donut social on Sunday, February 19th. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.



Easter Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed from noon on Wednesday, April 5th to Monday, April 10th for the Easter Holiday. **The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, April 11th at 8:30 AM.**

Devotional Lamps

Divine Mercy

- Sanctuary In memory of my beloved parents & sister, Angelo & Enrica & Jean Romano by Ann Romano
- Divine Mercy Good health & God's blessings for Msgr. Bocian on his 51st anniversary of ordination by Gina & Jim Lombard
- Divine Mercy Good health for a family member
- 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 Good health & special intentions for Msgr. Bocian & Fr. Dene
- Blessed Mother In memory of Albert Jr., Albert Sr., Anna, George & Regina Discavage by Irene
- Blessed Mother Special intentions by Joan Madaffari
- Blessed Mother Good health & God's blessings for Danny Chuplis by Debbie Abrachinsky
- Blessed Mother Good health & God's blessings for Charlotte Litwak by Charlotte & Dave Kriner
- Blessed Mother Good health for a family member
- Blessed Mother Good health to my friend, Leona Alterio ... 96 years old by Gene
- Blessed Mother Good health & God's blessings for Virginia & Clara by Prayer Group
- Blessed Mother In loving memory of our sister, Margaret Maloney on her 7th anniversary in heaven by Maloney family
- Blessed Mother In memory of James Tedesco by the Magnificent Seven, Gene, Pav, Danny, Bobby, Francis, Paul & the missing link
- Blessed Mother In memory of my mother, Arlene Sadusky 16th anniversary of death by son, Joe Sadusky & family
- St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
- St. Ann Happy birthday Sid by Jenny & Murph
- St. Ann In memory of Margaret "Margie" Maloney 3/10/23 anniversary of death by Sharon Sadusky
- St. Joseph In memory of Connell & Karvois families by Marilyn Connell
- St. Joseph In loving memory of Hank Faleski by wife, Julie
- St. Joseph In memory of my father, Stanley Sadusky 32nd anniversary of death 3/16 by son, Joe & family
- St. Joseph Good health for a family member
- St. Joseph Good health & special intentions for Msgr. Bocian & Fr. Dene
- St. Joseph In loving memory of our dear "Pop" Buchinsky by family
- Sacred Heart Special intentions by Mary Kufro
- Sacred Heart Special intentions by P.T.
- OLMC In memory of Joseph & Mary Martina by grandchildren & great grandchildren
- OLMC Special intentions by Ann Marnell Lehman
- OLMC Special intentions for John Kelly family
- Mother of God For conversion of sinners & all souls in purgatory
- Jesus Crucified 14 day – In loving memory of my best buddy, Jonathan Meier by Aunt Ellen

St. Casimir

- Sanctuary In loving memory of my dad, George Rittle by daughter, Maria
- Czestochowa In memory of our dad, John F. Baginski on his 101st birthday 3/12 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 Blessings for a great recovery for Ginny McAndrew by Ed & Fran Domkus
- Divine Mercy Blessings for a great recovery for Richard by Ed & Fran Domkus
- Divine Mercy Special intentions by Louis & Donna Kowalski
- Divine Mercy In loving memory of John T. McGuire by wife, Peg
- Divine Mercy Special intentions for Christopher, Hope, Benjamin & Morgan

Divine Mercy Sunday Feast Day

Our parish will have devotions in honor of Divine Mercy Sunday on **Sunday, April 16th beginning at 2:30 PM with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 PM and Litany of Mercy and ending with Benediction at Divine Mercy Church.**

Bible Group will meet at the Fr. Ciszek Center **on Thursday, April 13th at 6:30 PM.**

For more information, call Sr. Marietta 590-0435 or the parish office 462-1968.

Prayer Group will be cancelled for April due to Holy Week.

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

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.



Did You Change Your Address Lately?

The parish office would like to ask our parishioners, if they have a change in their address, to please notify the parish office as soon as possible. Every time we send mail out and the address in incorrect, the parish must pay for this piece of mail. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Tax Time is approaching us very quickly. Need a copy of your contribution sheet? 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.

- Blessed Mother In loving memory of mom & dad by Tricia
- 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
- Blessed Mother Good health & a full & speedy recovery for Abby
- Blessed Mother In loving memory of my nephew, Jonathan Meier by Elaine Tutko
- 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



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 12:30 PM Divine Mercy
- (en español)

Why do Catholics Confess Their Sins to a Priest?

On Easter Sunday, Jesus appeared to the Apostles in the Upper Room and said, "Peace be with you" (John 20:19). He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them and whose sins you retain, they are retained" (John 20:22-23). With that, Jesus established the normal way we receive forgiveness of our sins. He knew we would need to be assured of his forgiveness by hearing the words, "I absolve you of your sins."

Why do Catholics Fast and Abstain?

In preparing to begin His public ministry, Jesus spent forty days and nights in the wilderness of the desert. In the starkness of the desert, He strengthened His connection to his Father. God's love was all Jesus needed.

Fasting and abstinence also help us strengthen our connection to God. They are ways of expressing sorrow for the ways we stray from God's friendship. By denying ourselves material comforts, we increase our dependence on God and our appreciation for His gifts.



What are the Stations of the Cross? Also called "The Way of the Cross," this is a popular devotion that represents fourteen specific events experienced by Jesus during his trial, crucifixion, death, and burial. While it is practiced year round, it is particularly appropriate during the season of Lent.

In the early days of the Church, pilgrims visited Jerusalem and prayed at certain points on Jesus' actual path to Calvary. Now a more symbolic version of this practice is encouraged as an expression of devotion and piety.



Please join us for our re-organizational fund raising meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 14th at 6:45 PM in Divine Mercy Church.

The purpose is to openly discuss both our past events as well as some new ideas going forward. We welcome all families and individuals to join us for an open dialogue to help layout the path to our future financial stability. Please remember, we are all in this together and we owe it to our previous generations to maintain what they have provided for us.

Our Parish Food Sale is our biggest fund raiser of the year. It helps us to purchase heating oil for all of our buildings – all 7 of them. It also helps us pay some utility bills for all 7 buildings. We have some regular workers, but we need more to help us. Please consider attending an information meeting on Tuesday, March 14th at 6:45 PM in Divine Mercy Church.

"Quality Home Baked Pies Available For Fundraising"



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

Deppen Pie Pickup - When: Wednesday, March 15th ... Weather Permitting

Where: Father Walter Cizek Education Center (formerly Trinity Academy)

Time: 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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



Mother's Day Spiritual Envelopes are included in with your April envelopes. These mothers will be remembered in a special Mass on Mother's Day and also during the month of May. You may place more than one name on an envelope.

Why do Catholics Cover Statues During Lent?

Many churches cover statues and crucifixes in red or purple cloth for the final weeks in Lent, traditionally known as "Passiontide." The veils are visual cues that we're entering into a solemn time and remind us that sin separates us from God. This helps to build anticipation for Easter when the statues are unveiled and we are restored to Him. Lastly, the veils symbolize that heavenly glories are hidden in this life, but will be revealed when we enter eternity.

Believe in God

Believing in God means more than just saying He exists. Believers serve God, give time to Him, and putting Him first. Spend more time in prayer this Lent, shed some possessions, perform works of charity and you will act on your baptismal promises.

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 MARCH 18TH & 19TH ALL MASSES AT DIVINE MERCY

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM	Maskornick, Sherri	Mealia, Patrick	Blank
7:30 AM	Bronk, Cathy	Selvocki, Joseph	Daynorowicz, Madeline
10:00 AM	Nowak, Cynthia	Sadusky, Joseph	Selbi, Jennifer

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

Upcoming Events

St. Clare of Assisi Pierogy Sales Dates and Deadlines to Order

We will be selling our delicious homemade frozen pierogies (\$9.00/dozen) and cooked pierogies, with butter only or butter and onions (\$10.00/dozen) for Lent. **All must be pre-ordered by 7:00 PM of the order date.** Pick up will be 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the Saint Clare Church Hall, using the Hancock Street entrance. To order your pierogies, please call the following **NUMBERS: 429-0863 or 429-0071. After 3/5, you may also call 429-0343.**

Order by 7:00 PM on

Wed. Mar. 15th

Wed. Mar. 22nd

Wed. Mar. 29th

Mon. April 3 (Holy Week)

To pick up on

Fri. Mar. 17th

Fri. Mar. 24th

Fri. Mar. 31st

Wed. April 5th

Lenten Dinners sponsored by St. John the Baptist R.C. Church, Pottsville will be held every Friday during Lent – March 3rd to March 31st from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. No dinner on Good Friday. Dine in or take out. **Baked Haddock Dinner includes: Homemade New England Clam Chowder, Choice of Mashed Potatoes or Macaroni & Cheese, Choice of Vegetable of the day or Stewed Tomatoes, Cole Slaw, Roll, Beverage & Dessert. Cost for adults: \$18.00 and children \$ 10.00. Baked Macaroni & Cheese Dinner includes: Homemade New England Clam Chowder, Choice of Vegetable of the day or Stewed Tomanotes, Cole Slaw, Roll, Beverage & Dessert. Cost for adults: \$14.00 and children \$ 8.00.**

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@allentowndiocese.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 -- January

Net January Income	\$ 52,970.82	Expenses	\$ 43,515.28
		Insurance	\$ 7,422.00
		Assessments	\$ 4,023.00
Total Income	\$ 52,970.82	Total Expenses	\$ 54,960.28
Expenses over income	\$ 1,989.46	This shows a loss of \$	1,989.46

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.

The New You

Lent is our chance to leave our old ways behind and adopt a new way of life. When Easter comes, what will the new you be like?

Be a more positive thinker. This is the keystone habit that will help you form the other important habits. Squash negative thinking and trust that God will work with you to accomplish goals you set that are in harmony with his will.

Focus on what’s important. First, identify what is most important to you – family, friends, faith, and so on. Then eliminate everything else. Not only will you be free to focus on what is most important, this habit will spill over into other areas of your life, such as tasks, projects, and communication.

Find a powerful prayer routine. The best prayer routines are the ones we follow every day. A firm, daily routine helps you focus on what’s important, not just what comes up. Make sure to concentrate on Scripture and add time to listen, too.

Add kindness. Kindness is genuinely caring for others, wanting the best for them, and taking action to demonstrate that caring. Each day, make a decision to add an act of kindness to your day. Let someone go ahead of you in line, give a sincere compliment to a stranger, praise a coworker’s effort, greet a passerby.