



Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of March 19, 2023

Monday, March 20, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Joseph P. Savakinas** by Sister
 5-6:00 PM DM Confessions & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 6-7:00 PM DM Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Antoinette & Joseph Laureti** by Dorothy & Romolo
 5-6:00 PM DM Confessions & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 6-7:00 PM DM Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Anthony Sajone** by Wife, Val
 2-4 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, March 23, 2023

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

Friday, March 24, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Mary & John Maley** by Loughlin/Piekarski Families
 3:00 PM DM **Lenten Devotions Cancelled**
 7:00 PM DM Stations of the Cross (En Espanol)

Saturday, March 25, 2023

8:00 AM DM **George Rittle – On His Birthday** by Wife, Children & Families
 3:45 PM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
 4:00 PM DM **William Abrachinsky** by Family

Sunday, March 26, 2023

7:30 AM DM **Evelyn Babinchock** by Family
 9:40 AM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
 10:00 AM DM **Al Pronio – 6th Anniversary of Death & Birthday With Love** by Wife, Mary Ann
 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 12th - \$ 5,127.00



Thank You from Msgr. Bocian for the cards and good wishes for my 51st anniversary in the priesthood on March 18th. I will continue to keep the parishioners and their families in my daily prayers. Thank you again.



St. Casimir Church will reopen on Sunday, June 18th for regular weekend Masses and Funerals.

Divine Mercy Church Memorial Fund

In loving memory of my husband, Al Pronio on the 6th anniversary of his death 3/25

\$25 Wife, Mary Ann

Happy birthday in heaven to my husband, Al Pronio 3/26 – missing you every day ... with love

\$5 Your wife, Mary Ann

Helen Savitsky

\$15 John Brophy

\$10 Jackie & Richie Zions

\$10 Joann Wishing

\$10 Jake & Michele Onisick

\$5 Theresa Tunilla

Frank Gronski

\$5 Mary McDonald

James T. Tedesco

\$25 Bindie & Snitzer families

\$25 Chris & Jo Ann Twardzik & family

\$25 Palubinsky family

\$25 Madeline, Julie & Joann

\$25 Leo & Linda Breznik

\$20 Danny & Joanie Shustack

\$20 Joe Cugusi & family

\$20 Ronald & Nancy Savakinas

\$20 Ed & Diane Bereschak

\$20 Diane & Albert Bindi

\$20 Jaelynn & Ricky Maksimik

\$20 Ann Kelly & Ben Makarczyk

\$20 Mary & Frank Avolio

\$10 Walukiewicz Oravitz Fell F. H.

\$10 Dan & Angie Salvadore

\$10 Barry & Annette Dennison

\$10 Joesetta & Jamie Boxter

\$10 Dwain & Maryann Barlow

\$10 Joe & Nina Delluso

\$10 Joe & Diana Lebbby & family

\$10 Ed & Cindi Shafransky

\$10 Mary Rose Masternack

\$10 Leo G. Treshock

\$10 Ed & Fran Domkus

\$10 Randy & Robert Shustack

\$10 Parker family

\$10 Deana & Garrett Wasser

\$10 Jack & Louise Kelly

\$10 Gene & Mary Jo Jacavage

\$10 Mike & Sandy Uholik

\$5 Cindy Novatka

\$5 Barbara Kutsko

\$5 Jason Subach

James Hughes

\$100 Nephew, James Donovan & wife, Kathleen

Rosemary Guida

\$10 Mike & Marie Michalik

Special intentions

\$5 Anonymous

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 Lucille & Donald by wife & mother

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

Blessed Mother

In memory of Albert Jr., Albert Sr., Anna, George & Regina Discavage by Irene

Blessed Mother

Good health & God's blessings for Angie Yarnitsky by Danny & Joanie Shustack

Blessed Mother

In memory of Catherine Navitsky by son, Joe & family

Blessed Mother

Good health for Lillian Burcin by H. Mikita family

Blessed Mother

In memory of John "Jake" Litwak by Charlotte Litwak

Blessed Mother

In memory of Anna & Adie Jankaitis by sister, Cookie

Blessed Mother

In memory of Joann, Rose Ann & Joseph Aponick by sister, Chachi & mother-in-law, Cookie

Blessed Mother

Good health & God's blessings for Nikki Zarcufsky by sister, Cookie

Blessed Mother

In memory of Mary & Peter Yackachonis by granddaughter, Cookie

Blessed Mother

In memory of Anna & Walter Zarcufsky by granddaughter, Cookie

Blessed Mother

Good health & God's blessings for Helene Grutza by Mary Kufro

Blessed Mother

In memory of Alberta & Joseph Zarcufsky by daughter, Cookie

St. Ann

Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family

St. Joseph

Special intentions

St. Joseph

In memory of Joseph "Hooker" Zarcufsky Jr. by sister, Cookie

OLMC

In memory of Joseph Laureti by Dorothy & Romolo

OLMC

Special intentions for John Kelly family

Sacred Heart

Special intentions by P.T.

Sacred Heart

In thanksgiving to God & St. Anthony by Pat

Jesus Crucified – 14 day – Special intention

St. Casimir

Sanctuary

In loving memory of my dad, George Rittle by daughter, Maria

Czestochowa

In memory of Ronald Lusavage by wife, children & grandchildren

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, Benjamin & Morgan & a speedy recovery for Abby

Divine Mercy

In memory of John & Helen Pukavige by children

Divine Mercy

In loving memory of Michalik, Mentel, Zelonis, Lenkaitas & Shirvinski families by Michael & Marie Michalik

Divine Mercy

In loving memory of Joseph Zancosky by Joan Zancusky

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

Special intentions, in thanksgiving, good health for Msgr. Bocian, Stephen Bocian, Fr. Dene, Brian Rooney, George Huss, Dawn & Abby

Blessed Mother

Prayers & good health for Janet & a successful surgery for Robert by Theresa Tunilla

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

Father Walter J. Ciszek Chapel Memorial Fund

James T. Tedesco
\$25 JR & Donna Kowalski
\$10 Dan & Diane Monlish

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.

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.

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, April 20th at 6:30 PM at the Father Ciszek Center.

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.

Welcome to Pandora Julia Sanchez who was baptized on Sunday, March 12th. Pandora Julia is the daughter of Julio Sanchez. May God bless her and keep her in His care.



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

February Lotto Winners

Ed Chowanes	#321	2/3	Eve	\$25
Theresa Wilcosky	#175	2/3	Day	\$25
Frances Caulfield	#220	2/10	Eve	\$25
Tom & Mary Lou Popalis	#154	2/11	Eve	\$50
Mike Breznik	#314	2/13	Day	\$25
Fran Igo	#232	2/22	Day	\$75
Gino & Justine Monahan	#148	2/26	Eve	\$50

Humility The virtue of humility is the ability to know who we are in relation to God. A humble person recognizes his or her blessings as gifts from God to be shared with others. Think of your talents as God's gifts, and use them to "make something beautiful for God" today.

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).



Easter as a Second Chance

What if we could go back and undo all the misdeeds we regret from our past? Wouldn't it be freeing not to just be forgiven for our mistakes but to be able to make things so right it is as if they never happened? That is actually the nature of God's mercy. When Easter morning dawns, our new life begins and we start as new creations. Here's how to make the most of your second chance: **Start off on the right foot:** Go to Easter Mass and renew your baptismal promises. Take to heart your vow to renounce evil and embrace new life. **Make an Easter resolution:** Be a truly new creation. Keep all your good Lenten habits going after Easter. **Take advantage of God's bad memory.** God's perfect love means he does not bear grudges, keep track of wrongdoing.

Speak the Truth

Do you speak out against injustice or sin? Yes, you may be called “intolerant” for sharing Gospel truths but tolerance doesn't render truth untrue. In fact, saying nothing can be worse. Christ is clear: *“When your brother sins, rebuke him and when he repents, forgive him”* (Luke 17:3).

“The world promises you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.” Pope Benedict XVI



Please join us for our re-organizational fund raising meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 21st 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 21st at 6:45 PM in Divine Mercy Church.

**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.

Nativity Happenings

A special thank you to Mr. Joshua Muldowney, Mr. Joseph Costa, Mrs. Natalie Masinick and Ms. Jessica Reynolds for their work at Nativity BVM High School. Mrs. Masinick, Ms. Reynolds and Mr. Costa are leaving to teach at other districts. Mr. Muldowney has already started other employment. We are grateful for all of their service to Nativity over the years.

Mr. James Lotz (Physical Education) will begin teaching at Nativity on March 14th, Mr. Cody Wetzel (Social Studies) will start at Nativity on March 27th and Mr. Alan Noecker (English) will begin on April 11th. Additionally, the Athletic Director duties are being handled by Mr. David Sabol, a part-time teacher at Nativity and former Athletic Director.

Congratulations to Seniors, Stanley Gorski and Madison Kramer, who were recognized by the Pottsville Rotary Club as March Students of the Month! Cameron Strauss and Caitlin Capella have been selected as Nativity's Bishop's Catholic Scholars for the 2022-2023 school year. Congratulations to both of these students!

Lent is a special time for people who are preparing to enter the Catholic Church at Easter. Our school family is very proud to pray for and support three of our students: Chanyu Jung, Mackenzie Miller and Luke Scheifley as they journey to Easter. Chanyu and Luke are preparing for Baptism. Mackenzie, a baptized Christian, is preparing to enter full communion with the Church. All three students will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion.

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 25TH & 26TH ALL MASSES AT DIVINE MERCY

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM	Elchisak, Michele	Brophy, Marty	Blank
7:30 AM	Grochowski, Anne	Grochowski, Jennifer	Daynorowicz, Nolan
10:00 AM	Twardzik, Pam	Twardzik, Thomas	Estrada, Caesar, Estrada, Jose

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.**

<u>Order by 7:00 PM on</u>	<u>To pick up on</u>
Wed. Mar. 22nd	Fri. Mar. 24th
Wed. Mar. 29th	Fri. Mar. 31st
Mon. April 3 (Holy Week)	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.**

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.

Speak Out, Reach Out, and Live Out Our Catholic Faith

Recent studies reported that of all Christian denominations, Catholics are least likely to share our faith with others despite having the same requirement to “make disciples of all the nations.” Try these ideas to speak out, reach out, and live out the Good News of our Catholic faith:

Talk about love. For someone who hasn’t experienced God or who has become inactive in her faith, hearing how you have personally experienced God’s love can be powerful. Don’t hesitate to share how God has blessed you when you sense someone is ready to listen.

Brush up on Catholic terms and positions. When asked or when you sense there is confusion, be ready to explain the meaning of such terms as “Sacrament” or “Communion” or the Church’s position on social issues. The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a reliable reference or you can refer to the U.S. bishops’ website: www.usccb.org/issues-and-action.

Support parish ministries. During parish drives, collect food and clothing from neighbors, coworkers, and relatives. Those are prime opportunities to talk about the Catholic dedication to serving the poor and hungry.

Use social media. Whichever platform you choose, tweet an inspiration from the Bible, post your favorite devotion, pin a picture of your patron saint, or update the latest way God has worked in your life. No door knocking is required.