



Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of

March 26, 2023

Chapel will be open on Sunday, March 26th from 1:00 to 5:00 PM

Monday, March 27, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Elizabeth Wade** by Family
5-6:00 PM DM Confessions & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6-7:00 PM DM Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Michael Elchisak Jr.** by Children
5-6:00 PM DM Confessions & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6-7:00 PM DM Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Annette Miscannon** by Miscannon Family
2-4 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, March 30, 2023

6:45 AM DM **Matthew & Helen Mikosz** by Sandra & Dorothy

Friday, March 31, 2023

6:45 AM DM **George Rittle** by Sherry & Tom Squierdo
3:00 PM DM Stations of the Cross & Benediction
7:00 PM DM Stations of the Cross (En Espanol)

Saturday, April 1, 2023

8:00 AM DM **Charles Gannon** by Sister Patricia
3:45 PM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
4:00 PM DM **Mary Mikalonis** by Family

Sunday, April 2, 2023

7:30 AM DM **Clarence Zubowicz** by Sherry & Tom Squierdo
9:40 AM DM **Divine Mercy Chaplet**
10:00 AM DM **Gino, Armond & Josephine Bruni & Alfred & Therese Galezniak** by Maryann Bruni
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 19th - \$ 4,904.00



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

James T. Tedesco

\$10 Deb & Dustin Abrachinsky

John Matino

\$10 Leo G. Treshock

\$5 Tricia Palubinsky

Albert Pronio – 6th anniversary of death

\$5 Friend, Dolores

Thank you St. Rita for prayers answered

\$5 C.P.

Special intentions

\$5 Anonymous

St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour -- Are you heartbroken because members of your family have left the Church? Join the St. Monica Ministry in petitioning Our Lord to draw back into the fold our loved ones who have strayed, and to give strength and wisdom to those who await their return.

Together we will offer our prayers at a Holy Hour taking place at St. Theresa Parish, Hellertown on Wednesday, April 12th at 6:00 PM. Displayed for prayer and veneration will be a new icon of St. Monica, created especially for the ministry by Msgr. Robert Kozel. All are warmly invited to join us as we come together in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, asking Our Lord's mercy and invoking the powerful intercession of St. Monica for our fallen-away loved ones. Fellowship in the Parish Center will follow the Holy Hour. Registration is not required.

Act from Within

Sometimes we can do the right thing for the wrong reason. For example, do we follow the Ten Commandments because we are afraid of being punished, or because it's the right thing to do? Today, make a commitment to follow your conscience and act from within.

"We even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint" (Romans 5:3-5).

Devotional Lamps

Divine Mercy

- Sanctuary In memory of my beloved parents & sister, Angelo & Enrica & Jean Romano by Ann Romano
- Divine Mercy In memory of Elizabeth Oliver on her birthday, 3/28 by Rudisill & Swirsky families
- Divine Mercy Good health for Msgr. Bocian, Fr. Dene & Sisters
- Divine Mercy Good health for a family member
- Divine Mercy In loving memory of Donald & Lucille 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 In loving memory of our Uncle Edward "Bumper" Maloney on his 104th birthday in heaven by Maloney family
- Blessed Mother Special intentions by Annette Creasy
- Blessed Mother Special intentions & Liz by Pat
- Blessed Mother In loving memory of Joseph "Chow" Maloney on his 99th birthday in heaven by Maloney family
- Blessed Mother Good health for a family member
- Blessed Mother In loving memory of Helen Savitsky by Diane & Randy Sinclair
- St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
- Sacred Heart In loving memory of Don Supreme - birthday by wife, Susan
- St. Joseph Good health for a family member
- St. Joseph In loving memory of Josephine Moyer on her birthday 3/19 by family
- St. Joseph Special intentions
- St. Joseph Good health for Msgr. Bocian, Fr. Dene & Sisters
- OLMC Good health for Msgr. Bocian, Fr. Dene & Sisters
- OLMC Special intentions for John Kelly family
- OLMC Special intentions by Ann Marnell Lehman

St. Casimir

- Sanctuary In memory of Ted Guzinski by Terry & Joe Richardson
- Czestochowa Special intention for Joseph Michalik by Michalik family
- Czestochowa In loving memory of Michalik, Mentel, Zelonis, Lenkaitis & Shirvinski families by Michael & Marie Michalik
- Czestochowa In memory of our dad, John F. Baginski 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 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 Good health for Helene Grutza by Mary Kufro
- Sacred Heart In memory of Joseph J. Rittle by granddaughter, Lisa Rittle
- Sacred Heart In loving memory of my dad, George Rittle by daughter, Maria

Chapel

- Sanctuary Special intentions by Msgr. B
- Blessed Mother Prayers & good health for Emily Seigel by uncle Ed & aunt Kerri
- St. Joseph Special intentions by Msgr. B



To an anonymous donor for their generous donation of \$1,000.00 to Divine Mercy .Parish. Your generosity and support is so greatly appreciated.

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.**

“Come to Celebrate the Parish Feast”

On April 16th, Divine Mercy Sunday, our Parish Feast Day, Come and join us after the 10:00 AM Mass for parish fellowship, and coffee/cake in Trinity School Hall. There is no cost, but a small donation is greatly appreciated.

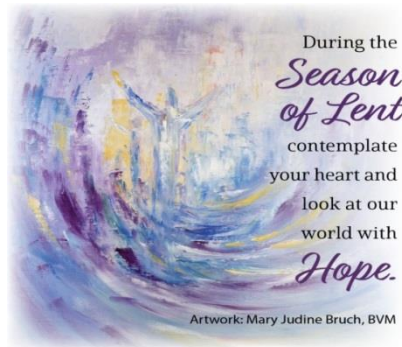
Bible Group will meet at the Fr. Ciszek Center **on Thursday, April 13th at 6:30 PM.**

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.

On March 30th, the Prayer Group will meet and watch the movie “Jesus”.

Franciscan Group will meet on Thursday, April 20th at 6:30 PM at the Father Ciszek Center.



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.**



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

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.**

Why Religion?

Religion is the bond which unites us to God. To neglect our Catholic faith is like refusing food or rest that keep your body healthy and functioning. Nurturing our Catholic faith is necessary for the eternal life of our souls.

Easy Evangelization

Each of us is required to “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15). Our very presence at Mass on Sunday is an easy way to tell others we think the gospel message is important. Plus, by following the requirement to attend Mass each Sunday, we encourage others to do the same.

Glance Toward Heaven Throughout the Day

St. Therese of Lisieux confided that, "For me prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look towards Heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." Adding short, heartfelt prayers to our activities can keep us looking toward Heaven throughout the day:

The Jesus Prayer – "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Try repeating it 100 times a day. "Teach me, O Lord, to do your will, for you are my God." Say this when beginning a chore, task, or project. "May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace." A prayer for the souls in Purgatory. "Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like yours." Pray this for humility and love. "Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ." She is always willing to help. "Thy will be done." It's what Jesus said.

Forgive You It is an unfortunate aspect of our human condition that we make mistakes, commit errors of judgment, break rules, and violate commandments. In order to get back on the right path, we need to seek God's forgiveness, but we have to forgive ourselves, too. Coming to terms with our failures is key to overcoming them.

Essence of Happiness It has been said that the essence of happiness is thankfulness or gratitude for what we have. Unhappiness often comes with yearning for what we do not or cannot have. Being content with our blessings, and thanking God regularly for his gifts, helps us on the road to happiness.



"Expert" Advice

When struggling with something difficult, don't give up because others say you should. Ask God to deepen your resolve. Almost every great idea faced experts who said it couldn't be done. "

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 Bless Themselves With Holy Water?

The practice of blessing oneself with holy water harkens back to the washing rituals of the Old Testament Jews, who had to bathe before entering the temple. Today, when we bless ourselves with holy water, it brings to mind our own baptism. It was at our baptism that our souls were washed clean of original sin and we were officially made members of the Church. We also received the gift of faith. In blessing ourselves, we renew our baptismal promise.

Necessary Choice

Being a follower of Christ sometimes means standing apart when we would rather blend in. When the Israelites wanted to blend in with their neighbors and followers of Baal, Elijah asked them to choose one way or the other. The Israelites chose God. We must do the same.

Why are There Religious Orders?

Historically, religious orders were founded in response to a need within the Church. Each order receives a special grace from the Holy Spirit, called a *charism*, which helps to build up the Church. For example, the charism of the Sisters of Life is to protect human life in all its stages. There are two "kinds" of religious orders: contemplative and active. Members of contemplative orders live apart from the world in closed-off communities. They devote themselves entirely to prayer. Members of the active orders do their work in the world, though there is often a contemplative element to their life as well. Religious life is "a permanent state of life recognized by the Church, entered freely in response to the call of Christ to perfection...characterized by the profession of...[vows]" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*). All religious orders have the mission to spread the Gospel by how they live. They vow to live in poverty, chastity, and obedience so they can dedicate their lives, hearts, and minds completely to God's service.

Nativity Happenings

Our school community welcomed Bishop Schlert to Nativity High School on Friday, March 10th, as he celebrated Mass for our students, faculty, staff and guests. Congratulations to sophomore, Ella Frantz, who was selected to perform the National Anthem at the PIAA State Wrestling Championships on Saturday, March 11th. Each year, the American Cancer Society's Annual Telethon Committee of Eastern Pennsylvania honors distinguished volunteers, fundraisers or survivors whose public efforts have strengthened the American Cancer Society or inspired others to join in the fight against cancer. Nativity BVM High School is honored to be receiving the "James J. Rhoades Award for Outstanding School Participation" this year at the Cancer Fighters Dinner 2023 on March 26th. The school was selected as a result of their efforts in the annual sales of daffodils through the National Honor Society to benefit the American Cancer Society.

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.

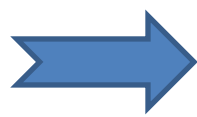
Diocesan Information

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 MarieJohnson, . 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
APRIL 1-2
ALL MASSES AT DIVINE MERCY**

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM	Hardy,Barbara Brophy,Marty Elchisak,Michele	Heckard,Louise	Blank,Name
7:30 AM	Taylor,Anne Bronk,Cathy Grochowski,Jennifer	Cieslukowski,Linda	Snitzer,Isabella
10:00 AM	Nowak,Cynthia Twardzik,Pam Twardzik,Joann	Phillips,Kathy	Selbi,Jennifer



*April & May Schedules are also available on Website...
dmparish.com*
A note from the Parish Office: If you switch with someone for a specific weekend, we ask that you please notify the office. Thank you!

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. 29th
Mon. April 3 (Holy Week)

To pick up on

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.**

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.

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may be well with you and that you may live long on the earth." Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:1-4).

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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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.

**Heritage Day - May 20, 2023
 Will be combined with Kielbosi Festival**

The Lithuanian Contingent for Heritage Day & The Parade of Nations set for May 20th is extending an invitation to men, women & children with some Lithuanian Heritage to participate. No costume is necessary & people do not need to be Shenandoah residents to participate. Please join & preserve your heritage. Heritage Day & The Parade of Nations are sponsored by the Revitalization Group – Downtown Shenandoah, Inc. If interested in marching in the parade, please contact the parish office at 462-1968.

“Calling All Slovaks” Heritage Day is approaching us fast – May 20th and we are looking for all men, women and children to participate in the Parade of Nations. Be proud of your heritage and march with your Slovak friends. If you are unable to march we may be able to provide a car in order for you to participate. For further information, please call Mary Ann at 462-0883.

Show Your Polish Pride and Join Us we are asking children and adults to participate with our Polish Contingent in the Shenandoah Heritage Day Parade on Saturday, May 20th. Your willingness to march with us will be greatly appreciated. Feel free to contact the rectory about attire, etc. Our Polish group will line-up at 9:30 AM on North Jardin Street. We hope to continue marching with our Shenandoah Heritage Parade with your cooperation.