

DIVINE MERCY PARISH --- WEBSITE: www.dmparish.com

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Office Hours: Monday 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM and Tuesday - Friday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM



Rev. Msgr. Ronald C. Bocian, Pastor

Fr. Charles J. Dene, In Residence

Sr. Marietta, OSF, Parish Outreach Coordinator -- Phone: 570-462-2306

Sister Vincent de Paul, OSF, Hispanic Ministry Coordinator -- Phone: 570-462-3868

Mission of Divine Mercy Parish:

Divine Mercy Parish is a Eucharistic Community, a people diverse in background united together as Catholic Christians around the altar of the Lord. We are nurtured by the Sacraments and sustained by prayer. Our mission is to fulfill our Baptismal promises by proclaiming the message of the Gospel in our lives by our commitment to faithfully love and serve the Lord and one another.

Parish Membership:

The Parish Community of Divine Mercy welcomes all individuals and families who have moved into the parish. Contact the Parish Office at your earliest convenience. We would like to meet with you and see to it that your presence in the parish is properly registered. All parishioners are urged to notify the Parish Office of a change of address or telephone number.

Sacramental Information:

Baptism: For infant Baptism, parents must be registered and active members of the parish for at least (2) months. Parents need to call the Parish Office to make an appointment with the Pastor or Parochial Vicar to arrange for Baptisms. All Catholic Godparents must be fully-initiated practicing Catholics who are living by the Church's teaching on marriage. Non-Catholic Godparents must be Christians, actively practicing their faith. Please call the Parish Office for additional information.

Marriage: In order to properly prepare for marriage, it is expected that the couple contact the Parish Office six (6) months prior to your presumed wedding date. After meeting with one of the priests, the couple should contact the Office of Marriage and Family Life Formation at 610-289-8900 x 221 to register for the FOCCUS inventory. The FOCCUS inventory should be taken online within two weeks of the first meeting with the priest. After discussing the FOCCUS inventory with the priest, the couple should register online for marriage preparation classes. These classes must be taken at least six (6) months prior to the wedding date.

Sacrament of the Sick: If you need a priest to anoint a family member after office hours, please call:

Msgr. Bocian at 570-462-1968 ext. 7

Catholic Charities Immigration Outreach Office

Jennifer Clerici, 218 W. Cherry St., Shenandoah, PA 17976

Phone: 570-462-3585 :o jclerici@allentowndiocese.org

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Wendy S. Krisak, M. A., NCC, LPC –

Direct Telephone: 1-800-791-9209

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator:

Sister Meg Cole, S. S. J., M.S., LMFT- Diocese of Allentown

2121 Madison Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18017- 4642

Phone: 1-610-332-0442, ext 2019

Misión de la Parroquia de la Divina Misericordia:

Parroquia de la Divina Misericordia es una comunidad eucarística, un pueblo, diverso en origen, unidos juntos como Cristianos Católicos en torno al altar del Señor. Somos alimentados de los Sacramentos y sostenidos por la oración. Nuestra misión es cumplir nuestras promesas bautismales, proclamando el Evangelio en nuestras vidas por nuestro compromiso de amar fielmente y servir al Señor ya los demás.

Importante -- Afiliación Parroquial:

La comunidad parroquial de la Divina Misericordia les da la bienvenida a todos los que se han movido en la parroquia. Solicitamos que registre sus nombres en la Parroquia. Le pedimos que notifique a la Oficina Parroquial de un cambio de dirección o número de teléfono.

Información Sacramental:

Bautismo: Por el bautismo de los niños, los padres deben llamar a la oficina para hacer una cita con el sacerdote para organizar bautismos. Todos padrinos católicos deben ser católicos practicantes que viven según la doctrina de la Iglesia sobre el Matrimonio. Los padrinos no católicos deben ser los cristianos que participan activamente su fe. Por favor, llame a la oficina de la parroquia para información adicional. **Solo se realizaran el primer Domingo de cada Mes despues de Misa.**

Matrimoni Para prepararse adecuadamente para el matrimonio, se espera que la pareja se comunice con la Oficina Parroquial seis meses antes de la fecha de su presunta boda. También es necesario ponerse en contacto con Oficina de Matrimonio y Formación de la Vida Familiar de la Diócesis al 610-289-8900x221 para registrarse en el Inventario FOCCUS. Para obtener más información, por favor hable con el sacerdote.

Sacramento de los Enfermos: Si usted necesita la Unción de los Enfermos a un miembro de su familia, después de horas de oficina, por favor llame :

Mons. Bocian a 570- 462-1968 ext 7

Oficina de Inmigración de las Caridades Católicas

Jennifer Clerici, 218 W. Cherry St, Shenandoah, PA 17976

Teléfono 570 462-3585 :o jclerici@allentowndiocese.org

Coordinador Diocesano de Asistencia a las Víctimas:

Sra. Wendy S. Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC.

Telefónica : 1-800- 791-9209

Coordinador Diocesano de Ambiente Seguro:

Sr. Meg Cole, SSJ., M.S., LMFT- Diocese de Allentown

2121 Madison Avenue Bethlehem, PA 18017- 4642

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Our Catholic Schools

Trinity Academy, Sister Margaret McCullough, IHM, Principal, 233 W. Cherry St., Shenandoah

Phone 570-462-3927

Nativity BVM High School, Mrs. Lynn Sabol, Principal , One Lauten Hill Rd., Pottsville

Phone 570-622-8110

Marian High School, Jean Susko, Principal, 166 Marian Avenue, Tamaqua

Phone 570-467-3335

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning, Mr. Roobhenn Smith, Principal

Phone 570-622-4638



Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of November 18, 2018

Monday November 19, 2018

6:45 AM DM No Mass – Communion Service Only

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

6:45 AM DM No Mass – Communion Service Only

Wednesday, November 21, 2018

6:45 AM DM No Mass – Communion Service Only

Thursday, November 22, 2018

9:00 AM DM **60th Wedding Anniversary – Estelle & Joe DeLuca**
by Family

Friday, November 23, 2018

6:45 AM DM No Mass – Communion Service Only

Saturday, November 24, 2018

4:00 PM DM **Matthew Sherakas** by Wife, Rita, Bob & Maryann
Toborowsky

Sunday, November 25, 2018

7:30 AM SC **60th Wedding Anniversary - Estelle & Joe DeLuca**
by Angelica Dunsavage

10:00 AM SC **Rita & Ted Williams & Daughter, Rita** by Family

Noon DM **Living & Deceased Priests – Diocese of Allentown**

Misa En Espanol

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

The Chapel will be closed from Tuesday, November 20th to

Monday, November 26th. The Chapel will reopen on Tuesday, November 27th.

Parish Advent Retreat Day...

Tuesday, December 4th from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

During the secular holiday season, we are bombarded with messages on TV, on the Internet, in stores, in magazines and other sources that blare out the commercialism of the holidays. What a perfect time to escape from the cacophony, go on retreat and look to scripture, prayer and reflection to discover The True Meaning of Christmas – the Birth of Our Savior, Jesus Christ. If you love Jesus, please come!

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration in the Chapel from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
- Adoration, Confession, Advent Reflection, Rosary & Benediction in Divine Mercy Church from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Please note: On the weekend of December 1st and 2nd, there will be sign up sheets in the vestibules of Divine Mercy & St. Casimir for adoration times.

Weekly Collections for Divine Mercy Parish 11/11

Regular	\$4367.
Plate	\$941.
Dues	\$1335.
Maint./Repair	\$732.
Fuel	\$423.
Candles	\$471.
Insurance	\$19.
All Saints	\$24.
Christmas Wafers	\$5.
Easter	\$40.
Poverty Relief	\$16.

Confessions are held every Monday evening from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Divine Mercy Parish.

Note: No confessions on Monday, November 19th.



Parish Office Schedule

The parish office will be closed on Monday, November 19th through and including, Monday, November 26th due to unforeseen circumstances and the Thanksgiving Holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, November 27th at 8:30 AM.

Msgr. Bocian, Fr. Dene & Our Parish Office Staff would like to wish everyone a very Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving

Pumpkin Rolls & More Sale

will be held on Sunday, November 18th after the 7:30 AM Mass & 10:00 AM Mass – St. Casimir. This year, the profit from the bake sale will go toward the expense of the newly installed cameras in the chapel at the Fr. Cizek Center. The cameras were really needed for our safety. The cost of the cameras is approximately \$3,000.00. Your support and generosity will be greatly appreciated. Thank you and may God bless you always.

Divine Mercy Memorial Fund

Jerry Oravitz – 7th Anniversary

\$5 Sister, Mary Ann Pronio

Felix De Filippis

\$10 Dolores & John Sion

Martha Tobin

\$10 Donna & Louis Kowalski & family

Richard Zahorchak

\$10 Barbara Shatalsky

Special intention

\$5 Stel & Joe

Divine Mercy Parish Office Email

If anyone is interested in emailing information to the parish office, we ask that you please use the following email address: info@dmparish.com, Thank you!

God’s Timing Sometimes it seems like no matter how much we pray, God doesn’t hear us. It can be tempting to give up hope, but remember, *God always answers prayer* in his time. Each day, decide to trust God; his timing is perfect.

Fiesta de Guadalupe Por favor, recuerden, porque sus trabajos en el Mícorles, 12 de Diciembre, la Misa Solemne de la Fiesta de Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe se celebrara en el Domingo, 16 de Diciembre. La Celebracion comenzara con una procesion con la imagen de la Virgen desde enfrente de la Iglesia St. Stanislaus a las 11:45. Todos los indios que participan en la procesion deben venir aqui a las 11:00. (Si el tiempo es malo ese Domingo, habra procesion.) Tambien les recordamos que la novena en preparacion para la fiesta comenzara el Domingo, 03 de Diciembre en su casas.

Others First Most of us will never feel even a small part of the pain Jesus endured during his crucifixion. What is most amazing, however, is that Jesus was able to put aside his own incredible pain to think of others. From the Cross, he forgave his enemies, won the good thief’s soul, made final arrangements for his mother’s care, and prayed for his persecutors. He put others first. He asks that we do the same.

Devotional Lamps

Divine Mercy

Sanctuary

In memory of a faithful friend, Frank Macus by Ann Romano

Divine Mercy

Special intention by G.

Divine Mercy

In thanksgiving by HM

Divine Mercy

In memory of Hannah Lipiec by Pat & Leo

Divine Mercy

Special intention for Ron Luscavage by Ann Romano

Divine Mercy

Blessings & good health for J.M., S.M., M.M. & A.M. by M/M John Maskornick

Blessed Mother

In memory of Alberta Zarcufsky on her birthday by children & grandchildren

Blessed Mother

In memory of my sister, Cheryl by Janie

Blessed Mother

God’s blessings & good health for Elaine by Meg, Angela & Breanna

St. Ann

Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family

St. Ann

In loving memory of Margaret Miller – 42nd anniversary of death by daughter, Mary McDonald

OLMC

In memory of Eva Racis by Dorothy & Romolo

OLMC

Special intention for John Kelly family

OLMC

Good health & God’s blessings for Christine Tunilla by Dorothy & Romolo

Sacred Heart

Special intention by Ed & Kay Z.

St. Casimir

Sanctuary

Living & deceased members of the Bocian, Lord & Warrington families

Czestochowa

In memory of Adam, Mary & Dan Balkiewicz by son & brother, Bernie Balkiewicz

Czestochowa

In memory of my dad, John Bagienski by daughter, Janet

Divine Mercy

In memory of Frank Kalinowski by wife & children

Divine Mercy

In memory of Kalinowski & Zelinsky families by family

Divine Mercy

In memory of Hajduk & Markiewicz families by Kalinowski & Domkus families

Divine Mercy

Special intentions, in thanksgiving & good health for Msgr. Bocian, Fr. Dene & Andrea

Divine Mercy

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

Divine Mercy

In loving memory of Donald & Lucille by wife & mother

Divine Mercy

Good health & God’s blessings for Leona Altiero by Gene

Blessed Mother

In memory of Frank Macus by Fran & Maria

Blessed Mother

For mom & dad, Anthony & Helene Seroka, happy anniversary together in heaven by daughter, Janet Lukashunas

Blessed Mother

In loving memory of Joestelle by MomMom & Papap

Blessed Mother

God’s blessings for our parents, Joan & Joseph Wallace on their 60th wedding anniversary 11/15 by children, Susan, Lynn & Joseph

Blessed Mother

In memory of Joseph Skubel by wife, Mary & family

Blessed Mother

Special intentions by Louis & Donna Kowalski

Sacred Heart

In loving memory of Edward (Pop) Krusinsky on his birthday 11/18 by son, Bill & Mary Ellen

St. Ann

In memory of Theodore, Catherine & Catherine Mary Guzinski by Barbie

St. Ann

In loving memory of William Norris on his birthday by daughter, Cathy & family

Chapel

Blessed Mother

Prayers & good health for Emily Seigel by uncle Ed & aunt Kerri

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass/Veneration to the first class relic of St. Pauline Visintainer will take place on the last Monday of each month at 5:00PM in Our Lady's Chapel of St. Patrick Church, 319 Mahantongo St., Pottsville on November 26th.

Additional Masses For Divine Mercy & St. Casimir 2019

ARE NOW AVAILABLE. The **Diocesan Mass Stipend is set at \$ 10.00.** When requesting a Mass for 2019, the stipend must be paid before it can be written in the Mass Book. Each parishioner will be allowed **one weekday Mass and one weekend Mass. Please note: For every Mass for 2019 we will be asking for a contact name, address and phone number. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter! Remember, the Mass Book fills up quickly!** If you would like to have a candle lit on a special day in any of the parishes, it is important that you notify us as soon as possible. The dates fill quickly.

2019 Misa & Vela Apertura Libro 2019 Libro de Misas para la Divina Misericordia y la iglesia de San Casmir

. El estipendio de la Misa Diocesana se establece para \$10,00. Al solicitar una Misa por 2019, el estipendio debe ser recibido antes de que pueda ser escrito en el libro de masas. A cada feligres se le permitirá una Misa de lunes a viernes y una Misa de fin de semana. Por favor note: por cada Misa por 2019 estaremos pidiendo un nombre de contacto, dirección y número de teléfono. ¡ Gracias por su cooperación en este asunto! Recuerde, el libro de masas se llena rápidamente! Si usted quisiera tener una vela encendida en un día speical en cualquiera de las parroquias, es importante que usted nos notifique como hijo como sea posible. Las fechas se llenan rápidamente.

Parish Dues for 2019 for Divine Mercy Parish are now payable for any registered parishioner 21 years of age and older at the parish office, 108 West Cherry St. If dues are paid by January 31, 2019, dues are \$ 50.00 per individual. If paid after January 31, 2019, dues are \$ 60.00 per individual.

Trinity Academy School News

New Students are welcome at Trinity Academy. Our school serves students in preschool through eighth grade. To set a time to visit Trinity Academy call 570-462-3927, or email trinitymattersadvancement@gmail.com . Thank you to the families that have chosen Trinity Academy for their child. We also have a website at www.trinitymatters.com

Recycle! Bags of shirts, pants, hats, towels, belts, outerwear, scarves, linens, bedding and shoes may be brought to a collection container in the Trinity Academy cafeteria. The items are sent away to be sorted and recycled in a variety of ways. This textile recycling is convenient and is an opportunity to help those who are less fortunate. Recycling also decreases the amount of items that end up in landfills. This is an ongoing recycling project. Each time the container is emptied, the contents are weighed and based on the weight, our school receives a check.

Please look for Box Tops for Education labels on items that you purchase for your family. The labels provide cash that helps Trinity Academy! Either mail, or hand deliver the collected labels to: 233 West Cherry Street, Shenandoah, PA 17976. Thank you!

Gift Cards chances for the Gift Card Spectacular will be on sale for \$5.00 throughout November and December. One ticket will be drawn for each day in the month of January. The holder of the winning ticket will win a gift card valued at \$25.00 or more. The tickets make great stocking stuffers and are available through any student or at the office, 570-462-3927.

Bulletin Deadline All candles, memorials & information for the bulletin of December 23rd must be at the parish office by Monday, December 10th. Bulletin must be sent to the company on Thursday, December 13th.

DIocese OF ALLENTOWN WILL ESTABLISH INDEPENDENT COMPENSATION AND RECONCILIATION PROGRAM FOR ABUSE VICTIMS, SURVIVORS

Fulfilling the commitment made by Bishop Alfred Schlert and his brother Pennsylvania Bishops in mid-September, the Diocese of Allentown will establish a compensation and reconciliation program to assist victims and survivors of past clergy sexual abuse.

The Diocese recognizes its responsibility to provide victims and survivors with an opportunity to share their experiences and receive compensation in a compassionate forum as one aspect of their healing and recovery.

Compensation determinations will be made solely by an Administrator who is independent from the Church. The Administrator's work will be overseen by an independent board. The Diocese will have no influence over the decisions of the Administrator .

Planning, including how the program will be substantially funded, is actively under way. A timetable for implementation and additional details will be released in the near future.

The Diocese of Allentown deeply regrets the pain caused by the abusive actions of some members of the clergy. Compensation alone cannot repair the damage caused to those who were harmed by clergy. This program will meaningfully assist in recovery and healing for victims and survivors, and for their families.

Anyone who knows of incidents of abuse, in the Church or outside it, should report it to the State ChildLine at 1-800-932-0313, the State Attorney General's hotline at 1-888-538-8541 or to local law enforcement. The Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to provide assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was abused by a priest, deacon or employee or volunteer of the Diocese or its parishes. Her direct line is 1-800-791-9209.

Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 – Serving the Needs of Education English as a Second Language The Lifelong Learning Center offers assistance to those seeking to improve their English language skills, prepare for the Citizenship exam, and become better equipped to succeed in the workforce. Classes are held at the Schuylkill County Education Council, 1 West Center St., Mahanoy City on Monday and Wednesday from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Call the Lifelong Learning Center for more information at 628-5761.

Schuylkill Unidad Intermedia 29 - Al servicio de las necesidades de la educación Ingles como segundo lenguaje El Centro de Formación Permanente ofrece asistencia a aquellos que buscan mejorar su nivel de inglés, preparación para el examen de ciudadanía, y convertirse en mejores condiciones para tener éxito en la fuerza de trabajo, las clases se llevan a cabo en el Consejo de Educación del condado de Schuylkill, 1 West Center St., Mahanoy City los lunes y miércoles 17:00-19:30. Llamar al Centro de Formación Permanente para obtener más información en el 628-5761.

Forgiveness Is A Gift For You Right or wrong, when we hold onto an injury, we get trapped in the pain of it indefinitely. Forgiving frees us to move on. Forgiveness is something we do for ourselves: **Start with a sign.** Even if you are the one injured, let the other person know you are ready to forgive by offering something tangible: flowers, a card, a hug. *“Come now, let us set things right, says the Lord”* (Isaiah 1:18). **Separate the offense from the offender.** God doesn’t abandon us when we sin. He loves us no matter what and asks that we do the same for each other. **Forgive and forget.** You can’t have one without the other. Forgiveness entails cancelling a debt, whether by God or another person. *“(Love) does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things ...”* (1 Corinthians 13:5-8). **Celebrate.** A mended relationship is stronger than one that has never been tested.

Parish Events & Fundraisers

Divine Mercy Parish – Homemade Three Cheese Pierogies are now available for sale. Cost \$ 7.00 per dozen.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

Knights of Columbus Council 618 will have bingo at St. Stephen’s Hall, Shenandoah. Doors open at noon, bingo starts at 2:00PM. Food and refreshments available. For info. Call 590-3270 or 590-1188. **Bingo dates for 2018:** November 18th and December 2nd.

Immaculate Conception is a holyday of obligation. Masses will be scheduled as follows:

Friday, December 7th	5:30 PM	St. Casimir Church
Saturday, December 8th	6:45 AM	Divine Mercy Church
	9:00 AM	Divine Mercy Church
	Noon	Divine Mercy Church
	(Misa En Espanol)	

A Financial Report For The Month of September 2018

Net September Income	\$ 25,817.59	Expenses	\$ 24,227.16
		Insurance	\$ 8,328.00
		Assessments	\$ 4,965.00
		Trinity	\$ 2,580.00
Total Income	\$ 25,817.59	Total Expenses	\$ 40,100.16
Expenses Over Income	\$ -14,282.57	This shows a loss of	\$ 14,282.57

“Be Not Afraid”

When someone we love is dying, we may want to help but don’t know what to do. We can feel powerless. Yet when they are transitioning from this life to the next, we can make a significant difference to our loved ones. **Bring love.** Jesus never turned away from the sick and dying. He always had a loving hand to comfort them and their families. Sometimes just holding a hand says more than words. **Bring attention.** Ask him stories about his life. Let him know he has inspired you. You’ll treasure these moments after he is gone. **Bring comfort.** Remind her how much God loves her and is waiting to welcome her. Encourage her to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. **Bring peace.** Although someone may lose his ability to speak, he can still hear. Pray out loud, read from scripture or a favorite book. **Bring strength.** When someone is leaving this world, fear can be overwhelming. Remind her of Jesus’ words, “Be not afraid.”

How Can I “Love” People I Don’t Like?

In fact, Jesus addressed this very question in Matthew 22. The Jewish leaders didn’t like Jesus. Jesus made them angry when he accused them of hypocrisy and insincerity. They knew he was right, of course. So some of the Pharisees tried to trick Jesus into saying something illegal in public. They asked Jesus which of the Jewish laws was most important. If he encouraged people to disregard any law, he could be harshly punished. This was an old debate, so the lawyer who challenged Jesus only asked hoping that Jesus would trip himself up. Instead Jesus said everything starts and ends with love – love for God and each other. To love God is to love one another. They are as inseparable as the beams of the cross. True love of neighbor is measured by how we treat those outside our circle. It means including people we may prefer to exclude or avoid. Jesus loved prostitutes, thieves, lepers, even Pharisees. This is how God loves and we are to do no less.

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.

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)968) para reservar fechas y rellenar formularios. El proceso es muy fácil.



Christmas Time Is Approaching Us Quickly!

Divine Mercy Parish will be participating in the **Birthright “Giving Tree”** for Christmas again this year. Anyone wishing to participate may purchase a gift, wrapped or unwrapped. Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office, 108 West Cherry St., St. Casimir Church or Divine Mercy Church. Examples of items which are most needed are: shampoo, soap, bottles, bibs, booties, socks, crib blankets, receiving blankets, crib sheets, disposable diapers, diaper bags, outfits for boys and girls, pacifiers, Q-tips, sleepers and gowns, sleeper blankets, snow suits, baby towels, baby wash cloths, undershirts, onesies, baby wipes, etc. Monetary donations may be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the rectory. Deadline for gifts will be December 16th.

OPLATKI/CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Will be available beginning Saturday, December 1st and Sunday, December 2nd before & after all the Masses at Divine Mercy & St. Casimir Church or at the Parish Office, 108 West Cherry St. during office hours. Donation for a 6 piece pack will be \$5.00.

Christmas Memorial & Christmas Flower Memorial Envelopes are placed in your box of weekly envelopes. You may place your Christmas Memorial & Christmas Flower Memorial in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. The memorials will be published with the December 25th bulletin. The deadline will be **Monday, December 10th.**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE FOR 2018

Christmas Eve Schedule

Monday December 24th	4:00 PM	Divine Mercy
Monday December 24th	6:30 PM	St. Casimir
Monday, December 24th	10:00 PM	St. Casimir

Christmas Day Schedule

Tuesday, December 25th	7:30 AM	St. Casimir
Tuesday, December 25th	10:00 AM	St. Casimir
Tuesday, December 25th	Noon	Divine Mercy

Misa En Espanol

Please mark your calendars!!!!

From Scripture: John 18:33b-37, Christ, The Real King

Throughout the years of slavery and oppression, God’s promise of a triumphant Israelite king kept hope alive. Many clung to the image of an avenging savior who would destroy their enemies and make Israel a nation to be feared.

Jesus, bound, beaten and seemingly powerless before Pilate, the powerful Roman governor, was not what they had in mind. They didn’t want a king who talked of love, suffering, and service; they wanted one who would wipe their enemies off the face of the earth. They wanted Jesus to come down off the Cross. Yet it was his sacrifice of love on the Cross that conquered the real enemies of sin and death. Jesus is King and he has a Kingdom, but as he teaches Pilate and us, his power is not of this world. His kingdom is about peace, justice and care for the poor, the needy and the marginalized in society. Do our lives and actions reflect that awareness? As Christians we are challenged to become more “Christ-like” in our lives, and that means more like Jesus the King.

Cemetery Note

Pease 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.

Food Donations We are continuing to collect food for the food bank which distributes food from the Parish Office. Please bring your donations of non-perishable food to any of our churches on the weekend or drop your food donations off at the parish office during office hours. Useful items: tuna, Spam, canned meats, powdered milk, peanut butter & jelly, cereal, spaghetti, sauce, pasta etc. Thank you for your generosity.

We Never Lose God’s Love

Have you ever had someone end a relationship with you because of a mistake you made or something you did wrong? It’s a terrible feeling to lose someone’s love. Fortunately, God’s love doesn’t depend on how good we are. Remember the parable Jesus told of the prodigal son (Luke 15)? No matter what the son’s transgressions, the father received him in complete love. That’s how God feels about us.

Think of God’s love as the light from the sun – it’s so bright we can’t comprehend it. Sometimes we close our eyes or pull the curtains to keep the light from coming in. It is still there, but we can’t experience it because we have shut it out. Sin shuts our hearts to God’s love.

To help, Jesus created the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Receiving absolution and being assured of God’s forgiveness opens our shuttered hearts so we can feel God’s love again. So whether or not we feel loved by God is up to us. All we have to do is ask.

Sobres de la "Nuestra Señora de las velas de Guadalupe" También, por favor noten hoy, que la gran estatua de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe ha sido levantada a un lugar de honor en nuestra Iglesia. Delante de ella, hay una gran selección de velas que pueden ser Lite con sus intenciones durante 3, 5 o 7 días. La "Nuestra Señora de las velas de Guadalupe" sobres también están en la entrada de la Iglesia. Por favor escriba su nombre e intención enfrente del sobre. O bien llevarlo a la oficina de la parroquia o colocarlo en la canasta de recolección durante la Misa.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Candles are now available at Divine Mercy Parish. For a 3 day candle, cost is \$3.00, a 5 day candle, cost is \$5.00 and a 7 day candle, cost is \$7.00. **Seven day candles will be published in the weekly bulletin. Envelopes are available in the entrance to the Church or at the Parish Office.**

Nativity High School Green & Gold Booster Club is sponsoring a craft/vendor & food sale on Monday, November 19th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Nativity High School. Any questions, call Diane at 294-0551.

Paint N Sip will be held on Monday, November 26th from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in the school cafeteria - Light refreshments served. Register online - www.mariancatholic.org.

The Chapel will be closed from Tuesday, November 20th to

Monday, November 26th. The Chapel will reopen on Tuesday, November 27th.

Additional Devotional Schedules

Monday 2- 3 PM Fr. Cizek Center to visit.

2-4 PM Chapel open:

3 PM - Chaplet & Fr. Cizek Prayer Group

Tuesday 2-4 PM Chapel open:

3 PM Chaplet & Rosary – Spanish / English

Wednesday 2-4 PM Chapel open, 3 PM Chaplet

Thursday 8:30-11 AM Chapel open

In addition every first Thursday of the month, Chapel will be open from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. 6:30 PM Prayer Group

Friday 2-4 PM Chapel open:

3 PM - Chaplet & Rosary

Horarios Devocionales Adicionales

Lunes 2-3 PM fr. Cizek centro de visita.

2-4 PM capilla abierta:

3 pm-Grupo de oración Coronilla y padre Cizek

Martes 2-4 p.m. capilla abierta:

3 PM Coronilla y Rosario – Español/Inglés

Miércoles 2-4 PM capilla abierta, 3 PM coronilla

Jueves 8:30-11 AM capilla abierta

Además cada primer jueves del mes, Chapel estará abierto de 6:00 PM a 8:00 PM. 6:30 PM Grupo de oración

Viernes 2-4 PM capilla abierta:

3 PM-Coronilla y Rosario

Always Hope Sin and negative thinking go hand in hand. We lose hope and think God isn’t watching or doesn’t care. Thinking positively and hopefully helps to avoid sin. Thanks be to God for second chances!

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