

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

Parish Office: 108 West Cherry St. Shenandoah, PA 17976

Phone: 570-462-1968

Fax: 570-462-1388

E – Mail: info@dmparish.com**Office Hours: Monday 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM - Tuesday to Thursday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM and Friday - Closed**

Rev. Msgr. Ronald C. Bocian, Pastor

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

Sr. Helene Theresa McGroarty, IHM – Spanish Ministry Coordinator -- Phone: 1-610-787-9618

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 register online for the FOCCUS inventory and marriage preparation classes.

<https://www.allentowndiocese.org/marriageprep>

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 Bishop Abuse Reporting Service 1-800-276-1562

Catholic Charities Immigration Outreach Office

Jennifer Clerici, jclerici@allentowndiocese.org

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Wendy S. Krisak Kalamar, M. A., NCC, LPC –

Direct Telephone: 1-800-791-9209

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator:

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS – Secretary for Youth Protection

Diocese of Allentown, 1515 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive

PO Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538

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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 realizarán el primer Domingo de cada Mes después de Misa.**

Matrimonio Para prepararse adecuadamente para el matrimonio, se espera que la pareja se comuniquen con la Oficina Parroquial seis meses antes de la fecha de su presunta boda. También es necesario ponerse en contacto 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

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service 1-800-276-1562

Oficina de Inmigración de las Caridades Católicas

Jennifer Clerici, jclerici@allentowndiocese.org

Coordinador Diocesano de Asistencia a las Víctimas:

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

Telefónica : 1-800- 791-9209

Coordinador Diocesano de Ambiente Seguro:

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS Secretary for Youth Protection

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Our Catholic Schools

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

Phone 570-622-8110

Marian High School, Michael Brennan, Principal, 166 Marian Avenue, Tamaqua

Phone 570-467-3335

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning, Mr. Robert Giba, Principal

Phone 570-622-4638



Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of April 28, 2024

Monday, April 29, 2024

7:30 AM DM Bernard & Carole Savakinas by Sister
2-4:00 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6-6:30 PM DM Confessions

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

7:30 AM DM Dave Bright by Wife, Patsy & Children

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

7:30 AM DM Ed & Adele Lipiec & Joann by Daughter, Pat, Leo & Family
5:30 – 7:00 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, May 2, 2024

7:30 AM DM Charlotte Litwak by Charlotte & Dave Kriner

Friday, May 3, 2024

7:30 AM DM John & Helen Pukavige by Daughter, Barbara
2-4:00 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, May 4, 2024

7:30 AM DM No Mass
10:00 AM DM First Holy Communion
3:40 PM DM Divine Mercy Chaplet
4:00 PM DM Edward Shomoskie by Daughter, McKenzie

Sunday, May 5, 2024

7:30 AM DM Rose & William Norris by Daughter, Cathy & Family
9:40 AM DM Divine Mercy Chaplet
10:00 AM DM Tricia & Robert Monaghan by Murray & Monaghan Families
12:30 PM DM Living & Deceased Priests – Diocese of Allentown
En Espanol

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. Amen.

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.

Important Phone Numbers

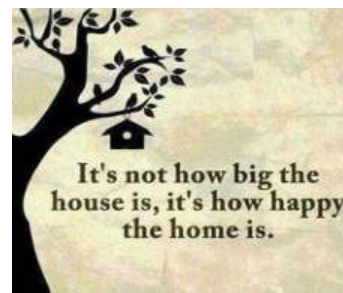
Divine Mercy Pre K
Sister Patricia Maureen Mount, IHM
570-462-3927
Divine Mercy PREP
Sister Mary Glackin, IHM
1-484-888-1358

Divine Mercy Chaplet

When: Every 1st Sunday of the month
Time: 3:00 PM
Where: St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Mahanoy City

Divine Mercy Collections

4/21 - \$3,243.00



Our Fall Food Sale Profit: **\$13,900 (Plus)**

We would like to thank everyone who worked so hard at our fall food sale and those who supported our parish.

Mark your calendars for
our summer food sale:
July 12th, 13th and 14th.

Office will be closed on Thursday, May 9th for Ascension Thursday. Office will reopen on Monday, May 13th at 9:30 AM.



Our office will be closed on Friday, May 24th and Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day.

The office will reopen on Tuesday, May 28th at 8:30 AM.

Divine Mercy Memorial Fund		Devotional Candles	
Loving memory of Diane M. Kalyan		Divine Mercy	
\$10	Husband, Ron & family	Sanctuary	In memory of my beloved Parents & Sister, Angelo & Enrica & Jean Romano by Ann Romano
Steven Largo		Divine Mercy	Special intentions
\$5	Mary McDonald	Divine Mercy	Prayers & good health for J.M., S.M., M.S., A.M., Z. S., T.S., R.G., G.M., L.B. & J. B.
Ronald Gennarini		Blessed Mother	Thank you for prayers answered by S.M.
\$50	Theresa Neverosky	St. Ann	Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
\$50	Dr. Barbara & John Grael	OLMC	In loving memory of Jo Jo Bell -26th anniv. of death by Gina, Jim & family
William Creasy		OLMC	In memory of Eddie Chesnavage by Dorothy & Romolo Laureti
\$20	Tom & Pam Twardzik	OLMC	Special intention by John Kelly family
\$10	Buchinsky family	OLMC	Special intentions by Ann Marnell Lehman
\$10	Ann Romano	Sacred Heart	In memory of Fr. Dene by Jackie Webb
\$5	Leo & Pat	Sacred Heart	Good health & God's blessings for Msgr. Bocian by Jackie Webb
Mary Ann Pronio		Sacred Heart	Special intentions
\$50	Dolores Micko	Sacred Heart	Special intentions by S.M.
\$25	Steve & Brad Oravitz & family	St. Casimir	
\$20	Paul Straka	Sanctuary	In loving memory of my Dad, George Rittle by Daughter, Maria
\$20	Mike & Cookie Michalik	Czestochowa	In memory of our Parents, Kitty & John F. Baginski by Baginski family
\$20	Bo & Tonia Ebling	Divine Mercy	In loving memory of Frank Macus by Fran & Maria
\$20	Mike Flannery & Tonia Ebling	Divine Mercy	Special intentions for Christopher, Hope, Marc, Donna, Benjamin & Morgan
\$20	Tim & Carol Twardzik	Divine Mercy	In memory of John & Helen Pukavige by children
\$15	Mary Lou Popalis	Divine Mercy	Special intentions by Louis & Donna Kowalski
\$15	Buchinsky & Pribish families	Blessed Mother	In loving memory of Joe & Joestelle by Wife/Mother
\$10	John & Barb Szczyglak	Blessed Mother	Good health & God's blessings for Sister Maria Rose by Fran & Ed Domkus
\$10	Murph Navitsky & family	Blessed Mother	Good health & God's blessings for Msgr. Bocian by Fran & Ed Domkus
\$10	Peggy McGuire	Blessed Mother	Good health & God's blessings for Sandy Gera by Ed & Fran Domkus
\$10	Irene Kudel	Blessed Mother	In loving memory of John T. McGuire by Wife, Peg
\$10	Roseanne Malinoski	Blessed Mother	Special intentions, in thanksgiving & good health for Msgr. Bocian, Stephen Bocian, George Huss, Estelle McLaren, Joann Pribish, Julie Buchinsky, Scarlet Henry, Christa & Jeff Beecroft
\$10	Maureen Baker	Sacred Heart	Special intentions for Christopher, Marc & Christa
\$10	Anna Marie Segal	Sacred Heart	Special intentions by Mary Kufro
\$10	Barbara Hardy	St. Anthony	Special intentions for Christopher, Marc & Christa
\$10	Betty Swartz	Chapel	
\$10	Ellen Trackim & Larry Hronek	Sanctuary	Special intentions by Msgr. B
\$10	Sylvia Yonalunis	Blessed Mother	Prayers & good health for Emily Seigel by Uncle Ed & Aunt Kerri
\$10	Catizone family	St. Joseph	Special intentions by Msgr. B
\$10	Dorothy & Romolo Laureti		
\$5	Loretta Zinkiewicz		
\$5	Rita Sherakas		
\$5	Theresa & Leonard Wierzalis		
Paul Gardinsky			
\$5	Leo & Pat		
Barbara Evans			
\$10	Madeline Buchinsky & family		
Sister Edna			
\$10	Dorothy & Romolo Laureti		
\$10	Ed & Fran Domkus		
Walter & Ann Rydzy			
\$10	Walukiewicz Oravitz Fell F. H.		
Special intentions			
\$5	Anonymous		
Father Walter J. Ciszek Chapel Memorial Fund			
Mary Ann Pronio			
\$50	Mary & Ann Flannery		
\$25	Bob & Ellen Selgrade & family		

St. Casimir Church will reopen on Sunday, June 16th

Weekend Mass will be said every Sunday at 7:30 AM & 10:00AM
Funerals & Weddings will also be said at St. Casimir

Divine Mercy Church will remain open

Daily Mass will be said .. Monday through Saturday 7:30 AM
Weekend Mass will be said every Saturday at 4:00 PM
& Spanish Mass on Sunday at 12:30 PM
Funerals & Weddings will also be said at Divine Mercy

Final Meeting for Heritage

Day/Kielbasi Festival will be on
Tuesday, May 14th at 6:30 PM at Trinity
Academy. Everyone is encouraged to
attend.

Do You Know of a graduate from Grade
School, High School, Trade School or
College? We ask that you please notify
the parish office with their name and all
the names will be published in a future
bulletin.

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
parroquia(108 W.Cherry St.,
Shenandoah. Teléfono 570 (462)968)
para reservar fechas y rellenar
formularios. El proceso es muy fácil.

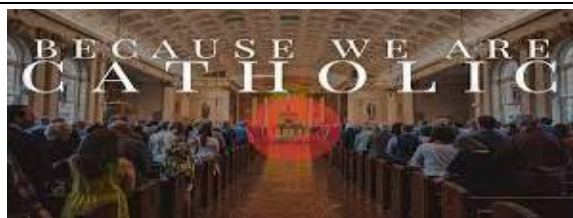
Additional Easter Memorial

\$10 Tom & Brandon, Debby Julian
& Rose Chesonis by Rosemarie
Chesonis

Grow in Love

Having received the gift of divine life, we
must give it to others. "Beloved, if God so
loved us, we also ought to love one another"
(1 John 4:11). When we share God's life and
love, we grow in that very life and love.

*"But the angel said to the women, 'Do
not be afraid; for I know that you seek
Jesus who was crucified. He is not here;
for he has risen, as he said. Come, see
the place where he lay.*



The 2024 **Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal** is
underway! Our parish support is a vital part of this
Diocesan-wide effort to serve children and families in our
own community and throughout the Diocese of
Allentown. You can scan the QR code and make your gift
today at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org. Thank you!

Anuncio para el boletín de la Campaña Anual Porque Somos Católicos
¡La Campaña Anual 2024 **Porque Somos Católicos** ya está en marcha! Nuestro
apoyo parroquial es una parte vital de este esfuerzo diocesano para servir a los niños
y a las familias en nuestra propia comunidad y a lo largo de toda la Diócesis de
Allentown. Pueden escanear el código QR y hacer su donación hoy en
www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org. ¡Gracias!

Open Registration for the 2024-2025 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. ***Registration Fee for
2024-2025 is \$75.00.**

Children ages 3, 4 and 5 welcome for half and/or full day Pre-school classes Monday
through Friday. 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.
Please call Sr. Patricia Mount at 462-3927 for more information or to request a
registration packet.



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



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.



Please join us for the Crowning of the Blessed Mother and
the Rosary on Thursday, May 2nd at 6:30 PM. We will
gather outside by the Statue of the Blessed Mother at the
Father Walter J. Cizek Center. If the weather will not
permit, we will pray in the Chapel. Please bring your
rosary and if you wish a flower for the Blessed Mother.

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.

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

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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

Si tiene una denuncia de abuso contra un Obispo, comuníquese con el Servicio de Denuncias de Abuso de Obispos Católicos en www.ReportBishopAbuse.org o llamando al 800-276-1562



Easter Totals Thank you to everyone for their donations. It is greatly appreciated.
2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024
23,826.00 17,950.00 25,341.00 23,565.88 \$24,614.01 \$ 20,875.16

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MAY 4TH, 5TH & ASCENSION THURSDAY ALL MASSES AT DIVINE MERCY

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM	Brophy, Marty	Mealia, Patrick	Hernandez, Omar
7:30 AM	Daynorowicz, Nolan	Selvocki, Joseph	Daynorowicz, Nolan
10:00 AM	Grochowski, Anne	Phillips, Kathy	Donovan, Joseph
Ascension Thursday 5/8 5:30 PM	Pam Twardzik	Tom Twardzik	Jose & Caesar Estrada



Ascension Thursday Mass Schedule
Holy Day of Obligation
Wednesday, May 8th - 5:30 PM – Divine Mercy
Thursday, May 9th – 7:30 AM – Divine Mercy
6:00 PM – Divine Mercy PREP Mass
(anyone can attend Mass)

St. Joseph Center for Special Learning in Pottsville is hosting its 33rd Annual Golf Classic tournament on May 17th at Mountain Valley Golf Course. Sponsor and/or join us for an adventurous day of food, fellowship and, of course... golf! For more information, please visit www.stjosephctr.com or call 622-4638.

Payments for Parish Funerals

Funeral fees must be paid 24 hours prior to the burial. We ask that the family of the deceased come to the parish office and pay directly to the church. Please make no payment to the funeral directors. If payment is not received within 24 hours of burial, there cannot be any burial in the parish cemetery. Also, all Lot Care (Perpetual Care/Cemetery Care) must be current including current burial.

Nativity Green & Gold Booster Club will hold their Annual Basket Auction on May 4th & 5th. Shop & drop on Saturday from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM and Sunday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (time of the auction). Grand prize will be Blackstone Grill and \$750.00 in gift cards from Marlin Markets, Tony's Meat Market and Adelia Seafood. Many great prizes, refreshments will be available. Any questions, please call Diane @ 622-8110.

The God-Shaped Hole St. Augustine wrote, "You have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Thee," (*Confessions*, Saint Augustine). Humans are created with a longing for something good, true, and beautiful. We long for God. We can try filling that void with things of the world. Unless we fill that longing with God, however, we can never be satisfied.

Next Prayer Group will meet at the Father Cizek Center on **Thursday, May 2nd at 6:30 PM.**

Next Bible Group: Thursday, May 9th at 6:30 PM at the Father Cizek Center.

Next Franciscan Group: Thursday, May 16th at 6:30 PM at the Father Cizek Center.

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

Redner's "Save – A- Tape" Receipts

Divine Mercy Parish is still collecting the "Save-A-Tape" from Redner's Markets. Please drop off your receipts in the collection or mail box or bring them to the parish office during regular office hours. The parish will receive a check for 1% of what is collected. Please support your parish and collect the receipts. Thank you for all of your support throughout the year. It is greatly appreciated. **Please do not cut any of the receipt away.**

A Little Reminder For Cemetery Lot Owners in order to keep bringing all our Parish Cemeteries in line with the guidelines and regulations of the Diocese the following will still be enforced: all bricks, fine & crushed stone, plants, fresh & plastic flowers not in containers, fences, borders of all types will be removed & discarded immediately due to the fact that they cause a problem for maintenance of your lot. Again, anything that interferes with the mowing & trimming of grass will be removed at the family's expense. Containers should not interfere with the care of the cemetery grounds. If they do, the containers will be removed immediately. No planting of flowers, trees, or shrubs allowed. Plastic flowers must be in containers also.

We are asking that all Christmas flowers be removed from cemetery lots.



Financial Report --February

Net February Income	\$ 38,197.13	Expenses	\$ 31,788.84
		Insurance	\$ 7,422.00
		Assessments	\$ 4,023.00
Total Income	\$ 38,197.13	Total Expenses	\$ 43,233.84
Expenses over income	\$ 5,036.71	This shows a loss of	\$ 5,036.71



Our parish is in need of Lectors, Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested in any of these ministries, we ask that you please call the parish office at 462-1968..

Works of Mercy

The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are actions we can perform that extend God's compassion and mercy to those in need.

The Corporal Works of Mercy are these kind acts by which we help our neighbors with their material and physical needs.

Feed the hungry	Visit the sick
Give drink to the thirsty	Visit the imprisoned
Clothe the naked	Bury the dead
Shelter the homeless	

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are acts of compassion, as listed below by which we help our neighbors with their emotional and spiritual needs.

Counsel the doubtful	Forgive offenses
Instruct the ignorant	Bear wrongs patiently
Admonish sinners	Pray for the living and the dead

St. Joseph the Worker

Our primary responsibility is to fulfill our daily obligations. Yet, St. Joseph demonstrated that work can lead to holiness if our efforts are for God.

St. Joseph was not rich. He and Mary made a modest Temple offering when Jesus was born. As a carpenter he had to work hard to support his family. Yet, he offered all he was to raise God's son and protect him from harm. Thus, St. Joseph made everyday life holy.



The Perfect Love Waits for You

It is said that in order to attract the perfect love, we have to become the perfect lover. God is the perfect love. All we need to do to claim his love is to become better lovers ourselves.

Be alone together. "Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you" (James 4:8).

Two people in love need to be alone together so love can grow. Make time to be alone with God every day.

Meet for frequent dates. A loving relationship can't flourish on just one date per week. Would you be able to get enough of your beloved by just getting together on Sundays? Try to make Mass more than once a week.

Reread his love letter. "I will never forget you. See, upon the palms of my hands I have written your name" (Isaiah 49:15-16). Re-reading love letters rekindles feelings of warmth between lovers. The Bible is the longest, most passionate love letter there is. Read it to find out how God really feels about you.

Assumption BVM School is looking for dynamic and dedicated team players to join our teaching staff!

Come make a difference in the lives of youth!

Email eschoepflin@assumptionbvmschool.net for details.

Save the date! Open House Sunday, May 19th -- noon – 2:00 PM! Register today for 2024/2025 - limited spaces remain in some classes!

Heritage Day May 18, 2024 Will be combined with Kielbosi Festival

The Lithuanian Contingent for Heritage Day & The Parade of Nations set for May 18th 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 18th 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 the parish office at 462-1968.

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 18th. 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.



Upcoming Events

The Shenandoah Valley Drama Club presents Disney's The Little Mermaid will be held on April 28th at 1:00 PM. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door. Tickets are general admission. Student tickets are \$8.00 and adults are \$10.00. Lobby opens for concessions 45 minutes prior to show time. Disney's The Little Mermaid is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). Music by Alan Menken, Book by Doug Wright, Lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater, Originally produced by Disney Theatrical Productions. Based on the Hans Christian Anderson story and the Disney film produced by Howard Ashman and John Musker and written and directed by John Musker and Ron Clements.

Dine In or Take Out Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by St. Patrick Church Sunday, May 5th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM (or sell out), 313 Mahantongo Street, Pottsville.... Spaghetti platter includes pasta with our homemade sauce, two meatballs, a salad, and bread. Cost is \$11.00 per platter. Extra meatballs and/or sauce available for purchase.

Shenandoah Senior Citizens Bus Trip to Sights & Sound to see “Daniel” on July 11th. Lunch at Hershey Farms Cost: \$158.00 Need deposit \$25.00. For more information, please call 462-1344 and leave a message.

Golden Age Club of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, Mahanoy City is sponsoring a bus trip to Cape May, N.J. from May 21st to May 24th.... 4 days and 3 nights includes 3 nights at the Grand Hotel in Cape May, 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners, full day in Atlantic City, Trolley tour of Historic District, Cape May Zoo, Doo Wop tour in Wildwood, shopping at Washington Street Mall. For information, please call 773-1753.

Divine Mercy Parish at Heritage Day/Kielbosi Festival May 18, 2024

**Again, our parish will have a stand for Heritage Day/
Kielbosi Festival**

Menu: Sausage Hoagies with onions & peppers, Bundoovies (Meatballs), Haluskie, Coffee, Water & Heavenly Desserts
Come and join us for a fun filled day and be proud of your heritage and support your parish and other vendors.

CEMETERY INFORMATION NEEDED.....

We are having difficulty finding out who the contact person is for each lot in our 14 cemeteries. We are asking that if can please fill out the form below and return it to the parish office.

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