

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

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

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 February 17, 2019

Monday, February 18, 2019

6:45 AM DM **Living & Deceased Members of Divine Mercy Parish**
2-4 PM Chapel **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

6:45 AM DM **Robert "Bob" Krash** by Diana Korenda, Jeanette Treshock
& Donna Lally

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

6:45 AM DM **Suzanne Ellen Rittle** by Rittle Family
2-4 PM Chapel **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Thursday, February 21, 2019

6:45 AM DM **Joseph P. Savakinas** by Sister

Friday, February 22, 2019

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

Saturday, February 23, 2019

4:00 PM DM **Edward J. Miller – 8th Anniversary** by Sister, Mary

Sunday, February 24, 2019

7:30 AM SC **Tom & Jennie Lazur** by Diane & Tom
10:00 AM SC **Edward & Sophie Prosack** by Son, John
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

Victorian Spring Tea Party - Fundraiser

When: Sunday, May 5th

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Where: To be held in a beautiful garden style atmosphere in St. Casimir Church Hall. Featuring gourmet finger foods, beverages, entertainment, door prizes and chances!

Cost: \$20.00 Reservations Only!

No tickets for sale at door

If interested, please contact the following:

Pat Bubnis 570-462-3346, Jackie Webb 570-205-0385, Mary Alice

Waiksnoris 570-764-4394 or the parish office 570-462-1968.

Respond no later than Sunday, March 31st.

Bring your camera to savor the memory!



Weekly Collections for Divine Mercy Parish 02/10

Regular	\$2815.
Plate	\$423.
Dues	\$625.
Maint./Repair	\$639.
Fuel	\$305.
Candles	\$402.
Insurance	\$71.
Catholic Relief	\$8.
Trinity	\$2.
Vincent de Paul	\$7.
Initial Offering	\$90.
Retired Religious	\$1.
Christmas Decorations	\$1.
Christmas	\$7.
Christmas Flowers	\$1.
Lenten Offering	\$2.

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

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 18th due to Presidents' Day. The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, February 19th at 8:30 AM.

Healing Our Church Discussion Groups Coming in Lent

Catholics throughout the Diocese of Allentown are invited to attend small-group discussions, moderated by fellow parishioners, and designed to encourage reflection and conversation about the clergy abuse crisis. *Healing Our Church* is a program from RENEW International, a Catholic nonprofit organization. Bishop Alfred Schlert has called the parish-based small-group discussions "an opportunity for all of us to prayerfully reflect on scripture, on the abuse crisis, and on our path forward as a Roman Catholic Family of Faith." Discussions will take place during the six weeks of Lent. Watch for more information, including how to sign up, soon.

Please Note: If Trinity Academy School is closed due to the weather, the chapel will also be closed.

Divine Mercy Parish Memorial Fund

Bradd Quinter

\$5 Mary McDonald

Mary Karpovich

\$100 Daniel, Regina & Sister,
Marilyn
Nephew, Tony Palina & sons
\$25 Rev. Joseph Kweder
\$20 Fr. Dene & Geronimo
\$20 Alise & Tony Wolfe
\$20 Mike & Marilyn Mackavage
\$20 Kathy & John Sinkiewicz
\$10 Ann Romano
\$10 Pat Wargo
\$10 Bernadette Bremer
\$10 Christine "Tina" Banonis
\$10 Walukiewicz Oravitz Fell F. H.
\$10 Catizone family
\$10 Carol Pukavage
\$10 Marie & Stan Wowak
\$10 Jim & Georgann Connell
\$10 Joann & Don Wishing
\$5 John Steiff & family
\$5 Susan (Chatcavage) Kayesuski
\$5 Lois Reichwein
\$5 Joann & Henry Jachimczyk

Florence Karahuta

\$5 Sophie Kalinowski
\$5 Mary Lou Popalis

Kathleen Jones

\$10 Walukiewicz Oravitz Fell F. H.

Paul Squierdo

\$10 George, Jo Marie & Maria Rittle

Special intention

\$5 Stel & Joe

Father Walter J. Ciszek Chapel

Memorial Fund

Eleanor Oravitz

\$50 Marie Popoff
\$40 Janet Maczees
\$25 Joseph & Louise Tomtishen
\$20 Anita Dwyer & Marian DeLance
\$10 Knapp & Honus families
\$10 Frank & Mary Mekailek
\$10 Rose Marie Jurewicz
\$10 Lois Reichwein

Mary Karpovich

\$20 Diane Drogalis
\$20 Niece, Christine Hysong & family
\$20 Madeline Buchinsky & family
\$10 Charlotte Kowalski
\$10 Kathy & Lenny Boris & family
\$10 Stan Pietkiewicz
\$10 Dennis & Cindy Loughlin & family
\$10 M/M Tom Talerico
\$10 Ray & Dot Wisniewski
\$10 Pat Wargo
\$10 Jenny & Murph Navitsky

Devotional Lamps

Divine Mercy

Sanctuary Living & deceased members of Divine Mercy Parish
Divine Mercy Special intention by G.
Divine Mercy God's blessings & healing for Paul Bidwell by Florence Yanall & family
Divine Mercy Special intention
Divine Mercy God's blessings & healing for Corinne Crea by family
Blessed Mother In memory of Rose Pribish by Buchinsky family
Blessed Mother In memory of Rose Pribish by daughter-in-law, Joann & grandson, Zachary
Blessed Mother In loving memory of Arlene Subach Liscusky – 71st birthday 2/12 by Gino & Justine Monahan
St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
OLMC In memory of Josephine Bruni by Mary Ann & daughters
OLMC Special intention for John Kelly family
OLMC In memory of Wilbur Clark Jr. on his birthday 2/18 by wife, Nellie & son, Gary
Sacred Heart Special intention by Ed & Kay Z.
Guadalupe Agustinmacario Manuel Relles Eduardo by Eduardo Barcenas

St. Casimir

Sanctuary Living & deceased members of Divine Mercy Parish
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 loving memory of Frank Macus by Fran & Maria
Divine Mercy Prayers & good health for J.M., S.M., M.M. A.M., G.M. R. G. by M/M John Maskornick
Divine Mercy In memory of my beloved dad, Edward Chatcavage Sr. on the anniversary of his death 2/15/07 by daughter, Susan Kayesuski
Blessed Mother In memory of Joseph Skubel by wife, Mary & family
Blessed Mother In memory of Florence B. Ference by daughter, Kathy & family
Blessed Mother In loving memory of John W. Ferguson on his birthday 2/24 by wife, Agnes
Blessed Mother Special intentions, in thanksgiving & good health for Msgr. Bocian & Fr. Dene
Blessed Mother Special intentions by Louis & Donna Kowalski
Blessed Mother In memory of Elizabeth Barlow 20th anniversary of death by daughters, Sharon & June
Blessed Mother In loving memory of Joestelle by MomMom & Papap
St. Ann In memory of Theodore, Catherine & Catherine Mary Guzinski by Barbie

Chapel

Sanctuary In memory of Gino Bruni by wife, Mary Ann, daughters, Gina & Nicole, Gabriel & Nika
Blessed Mother Prayers & good health for Emily Seigel by uncle Ed & aunt Kerri
St. Joseph Special intention



Tax Time is approaching us very quickly. Need a copy of your contribution sheet? Again, this year we will not be mailing out the contribution sheets to every parishioner of our parish. Therefore, 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 2018. We will mail this sheet directly to you.

Mary Karpovich

\$10 Cousin, Ray Karpovich

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 February 25th.

The Tree of Life has been placed in the vestibule of Divine Mercy Parish in the corridor leading to the former crying room. Take a moment and stop by to look at it. If anyone is still interested in making a donation to the new chapel in memory of someone or a special intention that you may have, please contact the parish office at 570-462-1968 as soon as possible. Your choices are: Leaf \$ 300.00, Acorn \$ 500.00, Foundation Stone \$ 1,000.00 and Mini-Tree \$ 1,500.00. Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to the chapel.

Don't forget about our website...

Divine Mercy Parish now has a website: www.dmparish.com. It consists of the weekly bulletin, upcoming events, Lector, Eucharistic Minister & Altarserver Schedules, Lenten Dinner forms, Lenten Services schedules, Chapel hours and much more. Why not go on to your computer and take a look at it. Again, it is www.dmparish.com

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.**

Seeing With New Eyes It's easy to be nice to people who are nice to you or who are considered "respectable" company. Don't be fooled by outward appearances, though. Everything done to our brothers and sisters Jesus counts as done to him. When you see someone you want to avoid, remember he or she is Christ in disguise and act accordingly.

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!

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.

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.

Turn Nasty Criticism Into Growth

Criticism can bring you down if you let it. Instead, finding a gracious way to handle criticism can be the key to improving our life, attracting new friends, and becoming a better Christian. **Stay calm.** The person delivering the criticism may be having a bad day or seeking attention. Or, she may really want to help and just not be skilled in delivering criticism. Staying calm and avoiding defensiveness helps you look for the rose among the nasty thorns. **Thank the commenter, no matter what is said or how it is delivered.** People who make rude comments don't expect you to listen to them, much less be grateful for their comments. Being appreciative is disarming. That's how to turn a critic into a friend. **Weigh the criticism.** Do the comments contain something helpful you can use to become a better person? Is the person trying to help, to make things better, to keep you from repeating mistakes, to suggest positive improvement? If not, forget it and move on without anger.

Begin To Change "Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin." Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Chapel News

If anyone would wish to visit and pray at the chapel and are unable to come at the designated time when the chapel is open, please contact Sister Marietta at 570-590-0435 and Sister will accommodate you. Thank you!

Candles for the Chapel are now available. Candles will be published in the weekly bulletin. Cost \$ 7.00 for a 7 day candle. Candles available will be: Sanctuary, Blessed Mother & St. Joseph. If interested, please contact the parish office at 570-462-1968.

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

Why is a Catholic Funeral Important? Although, no one enjoys dwelling on death, most of us will mourn and bury loved ones in our lifetimes. Friends may counsel us to skip the church funeral and just "get it over with," but our faith provides the strength we need to deal with death. The church has created Rites to help us face the difficulties and reality of death. Every baptized Catholic has a right to a Catholic funeral. The Rites of a Catholic Funeral include Prayers after Death, Prayers in the Presence of the Body, the Scripture Prayer Service at the Wake, the Funeral at Church (with or without Mass), and the Internment Prayer Service at the cemetery. Together these services not only make up the total Catholic Funeral Service, but also provide the Church's special prayers for the deceased. The Rites also support families and friends who are grieving for their loved ones. Catholics are entitled to a Catholic Funeral whether they are frequent or infrequent Mass attendees.



Parish Events & Fundraisers

LENTEN DINNERS

Divine Mercy Parish is sponsoring three Lenten Dinners which will be held at St. Stephen Church Hall 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM. All dinners will be **take out only**. The choices will be a fish platter, a devil crab platter or chicken finger platter. Cost of each platter: \$ 8.00. All dinners will be catered by A & C Catering, Mahanoy City. Please fill out the form below and return it to the parish office, 108 West Cherry St. Forms are also available on website: dmparish.com

If you know anyone who would like tickets for any of the dinners, please have them contact the parish office.

Lenten Dinner for Ash Wednesday, March 6th

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____
Date of Dinner: Wednesday, March 6th **Time of Pick Up:** 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM
Where: St. Stephen Hall **Choice of Dinners:** Devil Crab Dinner
Chicken Finger or Fish Dinner

Cost: \$ 8.00 **Take out only**
Deadline for Returns: Wednesday, February 27th

Yes, I would like the following dinner(s)
Quantity: _____ Devil Crab Dinner
Quantity: _____ Fish Dinner
Quantity: _____ Chicken Finger Dinner



Lenten Dinner for Friday, March 22nd

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____
Date of Dinner: Friday, March 22nd **Time of Pick Up:** 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM
Where: St. Stephen Hall **Choice of Dinners:** Devil Crab Dinner
or Chicken Finger Dinner or Fish Dinner

Deadline for Returns: Friday, March 15th
Cost: \$8.00 **Take out only**

Yes, I would like the following dinner(s)
Quantity: _____ Devil Crab Dinner
Quantity: _____ Fish Dinner
Quantity: _____ Chicken Finger Dinner



Lenten Dinner for Wednesday, April 3rd

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____
Date of Dinner: Wednesday, April 3rd **Time of Pick Up:** 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM
Where: St. Stephen Hall **Choice of Dinners:** Devil Crab Dinner
or Chicken Finger Dinner or Fish Dinner

Deadline for Returns: Wednesday, March 27th
Cost: \$8.00 **Take out only**

Yes, I would like the following dinner(s)
Quantity: _____ Devil Crab Dinner
Quantity: _____ Fish Dinner
Quantity: _____ Chicken Finger Dinner



Payment is due when each order is placed!
Letters were mailed out!

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 2019:** February 24th, March 10th, March 24th, April 7th and 28th, May 19th, June 2nd, June 23rd, August 4th, August 18th, September 8th, September 22nd, October 6th, October 20th, November 3rd, November 17th and December 8th.

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.

The Shenandoah Valley Elementary School will hold their annual Chinese Auction on Friday March 1st from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM & Saturday March 2nd from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the SV Elementary Gym. The drawing will take place at 3:00 PM on March 2nd. If anyone has a question regarding this fundraiser please call SV Elementary 570-462-2796.

Spring Bazaar sponsored by St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 1115 Walnut St., Ashland, PA will be held on Saturday, March 9th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Bake sale, huge white elephant sale, homemade soups, pigeons, halushki, barbeque, sausages, door prizes & more!

The Bereavement Ministry sponsored by St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 9 South Broad Mountain Avenue, Frackville presents “Grief, Bereavement and Moving on”. Please join us for a presentation by presenter, Lisa Taylor, LCSW, (Clinical Supervisor/Counseling Department), Catholic Charities – Diocese of Allentown on Monday, March 11th at 6:00 PM. Free and open to the public. The opportunity for discussion and questions will follow. Inclement weather date: Monday, March 18th at 6:00 PM.

Shenandoah Valley Arts Department Spring Schedule of Events

The Shenandoah Valley Arts Department released its schedule of events for Spring 2019. The SV Drama Club will perform “Into the Woods” on Friday and Saturday April 26th & 27th at 7:00 PM and Sunday April 28th at 2:00 PM in the HS auditorium. Tickets will be sold two weeks prior to the play date at a cost of \$10 each or a weekend pass for \$25. The Shenandoah Valley Band will perform its “Spring Around the World Concert” on May 9th at 7:00 PM featuring their concert musicians “The Symphonic Winds.” On May 14th at 7:00 PM, the SV Elementary Band will perform their Spring Program and they will be followed by the high school jazz band called the “Smooth Blue Jazz.” Both bands are under the direction of music teacher and band director John Shoener and will take place in the SVHS auditorium. Admission is free and the public is cordially invited to attend. Lastly SV Art teacher William Kreiger is in the process of securing use of a store front on Main Street where his students will have the opportunity to place their art work on display for the public to view. More details concerning this event will be made available when plans are finalized. The SV Art Department would like to express their appreciation to the public for their enthusiastic support of the arts.

A Financial Report For The Month of December 2018

Net December Income	\$ 63,955.00	Expenses	\$ 52,460.00
		Insurance	\$ 8,328.00
		Assessments	\$ 4,965.00
Total Income	\$ 63,955.00	Total Expenses	\$ 65,753.00
Expenses Over Income	- \$ 1,798.00	This shows a loss of \$	1,798.00

Sanando Nuestra Iglesia: Grupos de Discusión para la Cuaresma Los católicos de toda la Diócesis de Allentown están invitados a asistir a discusiones en grupos pequeños, moderados por feligreses, y diseñados para estimular la reflexión y la conversación sobre la crisis de abuso del clero. Sanando Nuestra Iglesia es un programa de RENEW International, una organización católica sin fines de lucro. El obispo Alfred Schlert ha dicho que las discusiones en grupos pequeños parroquiales son "una oportunidad para que todos nosotros reflexionemos en oración sobre las Escrituras, sobre la crisis de abuso y en nuestro camino hacia adelante como una Familia de Fe Católica Romana." Las discusiones tendrán lugar durante las seis semanas de Cuaresma. Espere más información, incluyendo cómo inscribirse, pronto.

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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.

Intercessory Prayer A Double Blessing

When we pray for others, we offer powerful help for someone in need. It's the best action we can take for others. Intercessory prayer is also a gift for the one who prays.

Prayers of friends can save. Remember when a group of friends lowered a paralyzed man through a roof so Jesus could cure him (Mark2:1-12)? Jesus was clearly touched by their devotion. His usual response when asked for healing was, "your faith has saved you." This time he said, "The faith of your friends has saved you."

Place friends' needs before Jesus. In the Gospel story, Jesus changed the man's life and amazed all who watched.

Imagine the kind of difference we can each make when we ask Jesus to help our friends.

Prayer blesses both the one who prays and the one prayed for. Those for whom we pray are blessed by the positive effect of our prayers. We are also blessed by the connection prayer gives us to God and by seeing the results of our prayers.



Schuylkill Catholic Youth Ministry Teens are invited to participate in the upcoming "Alpha" series, which includes free dinner. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith and meaning. Know a teen with questions about life? Invite them to Alpha. Please RSVP: annie@allentowndiocese.org. Alpha will be held on Sundays from 6:00-8:00PM at the Frackville Youth Center (7 S. Broad Mountain Ave, Frackville) from January 27th through March 24th. The series is free of charge. Dinner is included. If you would like to attend a parent meeting to learn more about "Alpha," to offer input on the new youth ministry in the county and to learn about the plans for the coming year(s), please email Annie Sarlo, the Director of Youth Ministry for Schuylkill County: annie@allentowndiocese.org. She will then contact those interested to set up a meeting.

SV Student Council Participates in "Operation Gratitude"

The Shenandoah Valley High School Student Council is conducting a drive to provide members of the United States military with various items that would not necessarily be available for their deployment in the Middle East, and various locations around the world. The collection drive is sponsored by "Operation Gratitude," a non-profit organization that ships over 200,000 care packages to our men & women currently serving in our military. The students assume the responsibility for the collection, packaging and shipment of the items collected. The Shenandoah Valley students decided to call their project "Helping Our Heroes" by collecting items for not only our currently deployed military, but their families, wounded & discharged veterans, and first responders.

Anyone wishing to assist the students with this worthwhile project can do so by dropping off any of the items listed below to various collection spots located throughout our community. Items being sought include All Purpose Wipes (Single & 30 count Packs or Less), Batteries ("AA" and or "AAA"), Deodorant (Travel Size, non-aerosol), Drink Mix (Individual Serving packets), Gum, Hand Warmers, Jerky (Individual Bags), Lip Balm, Pencils (Mechanical Preferred Size), Playing Cards, Powder (Travel Size), Puzzle Books (7"x10"), Socks (Black Crew Length), Sunscreen (Travel Size, non-aerosol). The drop-off locations are the Shenandoah Manor, Vernalis's Restaurant, the four Shenandoah Banks (BB&T, Sovereign, First National, & M&T), The Shenandoah Valley High School & Elementary Administrative Offices, Kowalonek's Kielbasy Shop, The Pizza Shop, Jean's Newspaper Stand, Lucky's Deli, the DSI Office, & the STS Bus Terminal at the Union Station in Pottsville.

Donations will be accepted until the end of February when items collected will be packaged and mailed to "Operation Gratitude." The students have asked that any financial contributions made will be used to offset the cost of shipping. Checks should be made out to SV Student Council. For further information call SV Student Council advisor Mr. Anthony Pytko at 570-462-1957. This project is coordinated by SVSC officers Emily Demalis & Kaitlyn Hepler.

What Is Heaven Like?

Heaven is our true home. Jesus said, "*In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?*" (John 14:2). "Those who die in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live forever with Christ. Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, No.1023, 1024).

To give you some idea of what Heaven is like, think of the people you love and the happy times you enjoy here and now on earth. Those things are glimpses of the joy we will experience in Heaven, which is an eternal moment of love. In Heaven, there is no suffering or sorrow. "*He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, (for) the old order has passed away*" (Revelation 21:4). Finally, in Heaven we will see God face-to-face.

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