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. All parishioners must be registered in our files.

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. All 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 for an appointment as soon as they are engaged and prior to making other arrangements. 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 (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: Fr. Jose Johnson at 570-462-1916 ext. 26 or Msgr. Bocian at 570-462-1968 ext. 7

Our Catholic Schools
Trinity Academy, Sr. Mary Ann Spatta, 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, Sr. Bernard Agnes, IHM, Principal, 166 Marian Avenue, Tamaqua Phone 570-467-3335
St. Joseph Center for Special Learning, Mr. Roobhenn Smith, Principal Phone 570-622-4638

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.

Afilación Parroquial:
La comunidad parroquial de la Divina Misericordia les da la bienvenida a todos los que se han movido en la parroquia. Solicitamos que registren sus nombres en la Parroquia. Le pedimos que notifique a la Oficina Parroquial de un cambio de dirección o número de teléfono. Todos los parroquianos deben estar registrados en nuestros archivos.

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 los 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 la información adicional.

Matrimonio: Con el fin de prepararse adecuadamente para el matrimonio, se espera que la pareja debe ponerse en contacto con la Oficina Parroquial para una cita tan pronto como estén comprometidos y antes de hacer otros arreglos. 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:
Padre Jose Johnson al 570 462-1916 ext 26 o 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 iclerici@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- Diocese de Allentown
2145 Madison Avenue Bethlehem, PA 18017- 4642
Phone: 1-610-332-0442, ext 19 Fax: 1-610-867-8702

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### Mass Schedule for the Week of March 20, 2016

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<td>5-6:00 PM</td>
<td>DM Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament &amp; Confessions</td>
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<td>DM Stations of the Cross &amp; Benediction</td>
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**Monday, March 21, 2016**

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<td>6:45 AM</td>
<td>DM Constance Alex by Granddaughter, Dianne</td>
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<td>8:00 AM</td>
<td>DM James &amp; Dolores Ross by son &amp; daughters</td>
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<td>3-4:00 PM</td>
<td>DM Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament &amp; Confessions</td>
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<td>4-5:00 PM</td>
<td>DM Stations of the Cross &amp; Benediction</td>
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**Tuesday, March 22, 2016**

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<td>6:45 AM</td>
<td>DM Mary Morris by Daughter, Kathy &amp; Son-In-Law, Rick</td>
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<td>DM Deceased Members of the Heiler Family by Daughter, Mary</td>
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**Holy Thursday, March 24, 2016**

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<td>8-10:00 PM</td>
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**Good Friday, March 25, 2016**

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**Divine Mercy Chaplet** will be held every Friday at 3:00 PM at Divine Mercy Church. Please note: there will be no Chaplet on Good Friday at 3:00 PM in Divine Mercy Church.

### Weekly Collections for 3/13/16

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<td>Shrines Of Our Faith</td>
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### Divine Mercy Chaplet

On Sunday, April 3, 2016 Divine Mercy Parish will be holding its second annual Divine Mercy Devotions at 3:00 PM. These devotions will consist of: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Midafternoon Prayers from the Divine Office, Various Prayers and Readings, Homily, Periods of Reflection, Hymns, Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction. **Please note that the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will not be celebrated.** We are strongly encouraging all participants to celebrate in their own parishes the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There will be a Mass of Healing held on Friday, April 1st at 7:00 PM in Divine Mercy Church.

### Healing Mass

Padre Pio Healing Ministry will hold a Healing Mass at Divine Mercy Church (224 W.Cherry St) in Shenandoah on Friday, April 1st at 7:00 PM. A Priest will be available for confession from 6:00 to 6:45 PM. For information, call Fr. Johnson at 599-5265 or the parish office at 462-1968.

### Happy Easter

From Msgr. Bocian, Fr. Johnson, Fr. Dene & the parish office staff to all the members & friends of Divine Mercy Parish.
March 20, 2016 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Divine Mercy Memorial Fund
In Memory Of:
Samuel Dodson
$5 Lisa & Frank Breznik
$5 Mike & Terry Gilliam
$5 Maryann Szuler
Jack Fanelli
$5 Wife, Mary & Family
Josephine Polli
$10 Marian DeLance
Albert E. (Peter) Gorney
$10 Jerry Mucha
$10 Sharon Wright
Gustav W. Johnson Jr.
$10 Kristel & Joe Domkus
Gregory Miskiewicz
$30 Parishioners of Divine Mercy Parish
Joseph DeLuca
$10 Louis & Donna Kowalski & family

Good health & God’s blessings for Ed Kleha
$5 Mary Lou & Jack Buchinsky
Good health & God’s blessings for Regina Straka
$5 Karen & Bill Sugrue
Good health & God’s blessings for Rosemary Nieddu
$5 Karen & Bill Sugrue
Special intentions
$5 Anonymous

Good Friday
Both churches will remain open after services until 6:00 PM for visitation of the tomb.

Holy Thursday
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at in both churches following Mass from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Please take the time to spend one half hour to thank God for the many blessings He has given to you.

Congratulations to Jonathan Metkus who received his First Penance. May God bless him and keep him in His care.

Tax Time Need a copy of your contribution sheet? Please call the office at 462-1968. We will mail this sheet directly to you

Divine Mercy
Sanctuary Special intention by Maria Rittle
Divine Mercy Special intention by G.
Divine Mercy In memory of George & Helen Fell by daughter, Elaine
Blessed Mother In memory of Neil DeLance by Marion DeLance & family
Blessed Mother In memory of Violet Hobin by husband, Jimmy
Blessed Mother Special intention by Ed & Kay Z.
Blessed Mother In memory of Joyce Dempsey by mother, Joyce
Blessed Mother Good health & God’s blessings for Kathy Boris by Madeline & Julie
Blessed Mother Good health & God’s blessings for Rosemary Selinka by Nikki Zarcufsky
OLMC In memory of Joseph Laureti by granddaughter, Alycia
OLMC In memory of John Palino by wife, Joyce
OLMC Special intention for John Kelly family

St. Casimir
Sanctuary God’s blessings for Terry & Joe Richardson on their anniversary by Cathy Guzinski & family
Blessed Mother For a special intention by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family
Blessed Mother In loving memory of Frank Macus by Fran & Maria
Blessed Mother For my dear mother, Alice Wyehulis – I love you and you are forever in my heart by Alice Cicioni & family
Blessed Mother Special intention by Joan Zancusky
Blessed Mother God’s blessings to Michelle Picolo on her 87th birthday on March 19th by Florence Karahuta
Blessed Mother In memory of Catherine Navitsky by son, Joseph & family
Blessed Mother Special intention for AAL & TJL by TPL
Blessed Mother Special intentions, in thanksgiving & good health for Msgr. Bocian & Fr. Dene
Divine Mercy Special intention by Donna & Louis Kowalski
Divine Mercy In memory of Lucille Segal Thomas by mom & dad
Divine Mercy In memory of Tom & Jennie Lazur by Diane & Tom
St. Ann In memory of Ted Guzinski by Terry & Joe Richardson
St. Ann For special intention

A financial report for the month of January 2016

Net January Income $ 42,045 Expenses $ 38,232
Insurance $ 9,287
Trinity $ 6,666
Assessments $ 5,756
Total Income $ 42,045 Total Expenses $ 59,941 Expenses Over Income - $17,896 This shows a loss of $ 17,896

Summer Music Camp for Kids Divine Mercy Parish will be holding a Summer Music Camp for children (ages 7 – 13) at the Annunciation Rectory from June 14 to June 25 (weekend excluded). This 10 day program will end with a mini concert by the participants at Divine Mercy Church on Saturday, June 25th at 7:00PM. During the camp the kids will be taught the vocal techniques of breathing, dynamics and pitch matching etc. Fee for camp: $ 200.00 per child. The voice teacher will be Mrs. Shannon Marsyada. For information about registration please contact Fr. Johnson (570-599-5265) or the Parish Office (570-462-1968).

Welcome to Ava Simone Wener who was baptized on Saturday, March 12th. Ava is the daughter of Daniel Werner & Angelina Dobson. May God bless her and keep her in His care.
Thank You From Msgr. Bocian to all the parishioners & friends for their gifts and good wishes on Msgr. Bocian’s 44th anniversary in the priesthood. Thank you again to everyone for making this such a special day for Msgr. Bocian.

¿Qué necesita para el bautismo de su bebé? Lee este anuncio:
A partir de ahora, ustedes tienen que visitar a la Oficina Parroquial al 108 West Cherry Street para reservar las fechas para los bautismos. Sin embargo, los padres tienen que participar en una clase de bautismo con el padre José. Los padrinos deben ser católicos practicantes. Lo que significa que esas personas deben ser parejas que están casadas en la Iglesia y las personas que si son solteros, deben ser personas que viven solas. Si los padrinos son de una parroquia diferente, deben traer un certificado de elegibilidad de su pastor. Esto debe ser traído al menos 2 semanas antes del bautismo. Por favor, recuerden que registren su nombre en la parroquia para que su niño sea bautizado. Para obtener más información, hable con Padre Jose. Hay los formularios de inscripción en la entrada de la iglesia.

St. Joachim and St. Anne What we know of these two saints comes from tradition. We know that they were Jesus’ grandparents and that they raised Mary, Jesus’ mother. We also know that they were faithful Jews who raised their daughter in a devout Jewish home. Her unshakeable faith, her devotion to the laws of her religion, her comfort with being mother and wife, and her steadiness in moments of crisis indicate the values with which she was raised.

March 20, 2016 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Trinity Academy

Enrollment Opportunity Trinity Academy at the Father Walter J. Ciszek Educational Center in Shenandoah, is now accepting applications for enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year. The application fee for new students is $75. Transfer grants are available for students entering grades 1-8. Application forms and all necessary enrollment forms can be found on our website, www.trinitymatters.com or are available by contacting the school. For more information or to schedule a tour of the school, contact Christine Zuber Fannick at 570-462-3927. Limited space available!

Pre-Kindergarten Registration Trinity Academy at the Father Walter J. Ciszek Educational Center in Shenandoah, is currently accepting pre-school applications for the 2016-2017 school year. Parents have the option to enroll their child in our regular pre-school program (three half days) or our Kindergarten Prep program (three full days). The pre-school program provides basic instruction to help your child grow as they prepare for kindergarten. The Kindergarten Prep program is an extension and enhancement of the activities that are used in the pre-school program and will include additional activities such as computer, library and gym. For more information please contact Christine Zuber Fannick, Advancement Director, at 570-462-3927 or cfannick@trinitymatters.com.

Trinity Academy 10th Anniversary Lottery Calendar Would you like to try your luck with the lottery? Trinity Academy has a great solution. 2016 Annual Lottery Calendars are on sale now! You can purchase a 3 digit number for $25 and have 365 chances to win. Prizes are as follows: $25 each week day and $50 on weekends. The third Sunday of each month will have a prize of $100. A special prize of $250 will be awarded to the winning number on June 10, 2016 in celebration of the completion of Trinity Academy’s 10th school year. Tickets can be purchased from any student or at the school office. Please call 570-462-3927.

Trinity Academy is launching the sale of 50/50 tickets for our 50/50 spectacular! The more tickets we sell, the greater the prize will be at the drawing on June 10, 2016. Tickets are only $1.00. Please help make this fund raiser a success!

10-year Anniversary Commemorative Program Book This year marks Trinity Academy’s 10th Anniversary. We will be holding a Dinner/Dance (Gala) to celebrate this milestone event on April 23, 2016. To further celebrate this milestone, a commemorative book will be made featuring the history of our school and our legacy schools. All attending the gala will receive a copy. Others unable to attend will have the opportunity to purchase one. You are cordially invited to take part in this book by sending your well wishes to Trinity by placing an ad. All the forms can be found on our website at www.trinitymatters.com. Also attached is an ad order form. All ads will be in full color. We would love for you to include any special memories you may have or perhaps a photo from years gone by. Please join us as we celebrate the past, present and future of Trinity Academy! If you have any questions, please contact Mary Kate Sternik at Msternik@TrinityMatters.com

Trinity Academy 10 Year Anniversary Program Ad Order Form
Thank you for your interest in purchasing an ad! Please fill out the necessary information below and send in with a check made out to Trinity Academy no later than Wednesday, March 23, 2016.

Name

Ad or Ads being purchased: 

_____ Patron Ad ($5)  _____ Business Card Ad ($25)  _____ ¼ Page Ad ($40)

_____ ½ Page Ad ($75)  _____ Full Page Ad ($125)

Ad Total Cost: __________________________

Please use one of the following methods to submit your ad:

You may either submit a program-ready ad electronically to Mary Kate Sternik at Msternik@TrinityMatters.com

Or mail your ad or business card directly to Trinity Academy

Attn: Mary Kate Sternik 233 West Cherry Street Shenandoah, PA 17976
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. Thank you for your generosity.

Marian High School Now Accepting Registrations for 2016-2017

Marian Catholic High School is now accepting applications for enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year. The application fee for incoming freshmen is $125. Transfer grants are available to upper classmen and application fees are $125. Application forms are available at the school or by visiting our website at www.mariancatholichs.org, located under the admissions tab. For additional information contact Director of Admissions, Mrs. Teresa Sheer at 570-668-2225 ext. 2217. The Board of General Jurisdiction at Marian High School recently voted to have the tuition rate reflect no increase for the upcoming school year. Marian has a Shadowing Program for any student in the public school who is interested in seeing what the Marian family is all about. Please call the Studies Office to set up a shadow date (570-668-2225, ext. 2217).

Fr. Walter Ciszek Prayer Group will meet every Monday at 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM at the Father Ciszek Convent, 18 East Oak Street, Shenandoah.

Año de la Misericordia

El Papa Francisco declaró el Año 2016 como el Año de la Misericordia. Durante este año, debemos ser conscientes de la misericordia de Dios sobre nosotros y que debemos ser misericordiosos con nuestros hermanos también. Por favor, oren por la misericordia de Dios sobre nosotros. Oremos también por la fuerza para perdonar a los demás.

10th year Anniversary Gala You are cordially invited to attend Trinity Academy's 10 year Anniversary Gala, April 23, 2016 at the Fountain Springs Country Inn, Ashland. Cocktails and Hors-D'oeuvers 5:00 PM -Dinner 6:00 PM -Cash Bar--Entertainment provided by "Another Side"--Semi Formal Attire~ 21 and over. Tickets are $45 per person, $85 per couple or $340 per table of 8. Dinner includes your choice of stuffed chicken breast, broiled haddock or beef. Seating is limited. RSVP by April 6, 2016. For more information please contact the school at 570-462-3927 or visit our website at www.trinitymatters.com for RSVP card.

Living Stations of the Cross The faculty, staff and students of Trinity Academy cordially invite you to walk the path to Calvary as the students present Living Stations of the Cross on Sunday, March 20, 2016 at 6:30 PM in Divine Mercy Church, West Cherry Street, Shenandoah.

Information Session An information session for prospective students and their parents will be held at Trinity Academy, 233 West Cherry Street, Shenandoah, on Sunday, April 3, 2016, beginning at 1:00 PM. Pre-K will participate in a story-hour and create a springtime craft. Students entering grades 1-8 will have the opportunity to tour the school and see what Trinity Academy has to offer. Students transferring into grades 1-8 are eligible for $1,500 in grants ($1,000 in year 1 and $500 in year 2). To register for the information session, call Christine Zuber Fannick, Advancement Director at (570) 462-3927.

Theme Basket Auction Trinity Academy's 10th Annual Theme Basket Auction will be held Saturday, April 16, at 7 PM at the Annunciation BVM Hall in Frackville. Doors open at 5:00 PM. Over 100 large themed baskets, class baskets, four 1-day Disney Hopper Passes and so much more!!! Shop and drop Friday, April 15 from 5 to 8 PM and April 16 from 10 AM to 1:00 PM. Great food available night of the auction. For more information contact the school at (570) 462-3927. Cash and credit cards accepted. Benefits Trinity Academy at the Father Walter J. Ciszek Education Center, Shenandoah.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

Knights of Columbus Council 618 will have bingo at St. Stephen’s Hall, Shenandoah. Doors open at noon, bingo starts at 2:00 PM. Food and refreshments available. For info. Call 590-3270 or 590-1188. Bingo dates for 2016: April 17th, May 15th and 22nd, June 12th and 26th, July 10th and 24th, August 7th and 28th, September 11th and 25th, October 9th and 16th, November 6th and 13th, and December 4th.

Shenandoah Knights of Columbus Council 618, 201 West Cherry St. will have a hoagie sale, second Tuesday of each month - $4.00 each, the new pick up time is between 9 AM until sold out at the Knights Home, 201 West Cherry Street, Shenandoah. Call to pre order 590-3270 or 590-1188. Bingo dates for 2016: April 12th, May 10th, June 14th, July 12th, August 9th, September 13th, October 11th, November 8th and December 13th. Thank you for supporting the Knight of Columbus a non-profit organization.

Believe It Or Not….Easter is Right Around The Corner …Pysanky Classes

Ukrainian Easter Eggs will be held on Tuesdays from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM beginning March 22nd. Cost $45.00 including supplies. To register call Paul at 570-668-5789 or email nicolec3@ptd.net Class size is limited so register today.

Knights of Columbus Council 618, Devil Crab & Fish Dinner will be held on Good Friday, March 25th from 3:00 PM to sellout. Devil Crab or Fish Dinner Cost: $ 9.00. Free delivery in Shenandoah only. Deadline to order: March 18th. Dinner includes: French fries, coleslaw, string beans & dessert.
Marian Catholic High School is beginning a self-study for re-accreditation for Middle States. The Middle States review will be in the Spring, 2017. Part of the planning process is setting target goals for improvement in the educational programs. Marian will participate in the Excellence by Design program of Middle States which is to enhance a previous school improvement in student performance and organizational capacity. Community involvement in the process is crucial. Anyone who would like to serve on the Planning Committee is asked to call Marian Catholic High School, Teresa Sheer, Internal Coordinator, at 570-467-3335. Meetings will be held on the last Thursday or each month beginning in January from 2:45 to 3:45. If you are considering to be a member of the Planning Committee and you are unable to attend the first meeting, you are more than welcome to call and observe the February meeting.

Coaching Vacancies Nativity BVM High School is seeking a head coach for boys and also head coach for boys/girls golf for the 2016-2017 season. Interested candidates should forward their resume to Nativity BVM High School – Attn: Principal Mrs. Lynn Sabol. Must have all clearances and Protecting God’s Children Class. For more information, you may contact the school at 570-622-8110 ext. 343.

Mariawald (Mary of the Woods) Renewal Center in Shillington, Pa. is a ministry of the Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood. It is designed as a place for retreat and renewal. Facilities are available for private and group retreats. For private use the daily rate is $20.00 which includes lunch or $15.00 without meals. Overnight accommodations are available. The center is set in a beautiful rural area of Berks County. For more information, contact mariawalcenter@gmail.com or phone 610-777-0135. Address is 1094 Welsh Road, Reading PA 19607.

**Dramatic Stations of the Cross Presentation** will be held on Palm Sunday, March 20th and Good Friday, March 25th at St. John the Baptist Church, 10th & Mahantongo Streets, Pottsville, PA. Prelude begins at 7:15 AM - Stations begin at 7:30 PM. Doors open at 6:30 PM.

**Sands Casino Bus Trip** sponsored by Knights of Columbus, Council #618, Shenandoah will be held on Sunday, April 3rd. Cost: $25.00 – get $20.00 back in slot play plus $5.00 food voucher. Pickup at St. Stephen Church Hall, Oak & Main Streets at 8:30 AM. Depart from casino at 4:30 PM. Deadline for reservations will be March 31st. Must be paid in advance – no refunds. For more details, call Joshua 570-462-2834 or 570-497-7759. If no answer please leave a message.

**Parish Events & Fundraisers**

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

**PARISH DINNER**

**STUFFED BONELESS CHICKEN BREAST DINNER OR ROAST BEEF DINNER**

**Date of Dinner:** Sunday, May 1st  
**Where:** St. Stephen Church Hall  
**Time of Pick Up:** 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM  
**Cost:** $8.00  
**Take Out Only!**

**Choice of Dinners:** Stuffed Chicken Breast or Beer Dinner  
**Dinner Includes:** Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Roll & Butter  
**Deadline for Returns:** Sunday, April 24th  
**Name:** ____________________  
**Phone:** ____________________  
**Yes, I would like the following dinner(s)**  
**Quantity:** _______  
**Roast Beef Dinner**  
**Quantity:** _______  
**Stuffed Boneless Chicken Breast Dinner**  

Order forms were mailed to all parishioners!

**Registro parroquial** Como feligreses, todos tenemos que ser registrado en la parroquia. Y si usted ha cambiado su dirección y número de teléfono, por favor, tenga en cuenta a la oficina parroquial. Como feligreses, tenemos la responsabilidad también pagar nuestras cuotas mensuales en el sobre de su recepción en el correo. Si usted no recibe los sobres de la parroquia, por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia y dar sus direcciones. Si usted no paga nada, la Computadora en la oficina de la parroquia mostrará su familia como inactivo. Por lo tanto, es importante que usted paga sus cuotas parroquiales. Esta comunicación es de Monseñor Bocian, el Mayor Pastor de la Parroquia.

**Divine Mercy Parish presents a Free Religious Movie… The Passion of Christ…movie** contacts graphic content. Date: Sunday, March 20th at 3:00 PM at St. Stephen Church Hall. Free refreshments. There will be two donation boxes for the needy: one for canned goods and one for gently used clothes. Donation not required but appreciated.

**Horario de la Semana Santa**

**Hoy,Domingo 20 de marzo:** Misa del Domingo de Ramos al mediodía.  
**Jueves, 24 de marzo a las 7 de la noche:** la Misa de la Cena del Señor y adoración.  
**Viernes, 25 de marzo a 1 de la tarde:** Vía Crucis, seguido por los servicios del Viernes Santo.  
**Sábado 26 de marzo a las 8 de la noche:** Vigilia de Pascua.  
**Domingo 27 de marzo a mediodía:** Misa de la Resurrección del Senor.  
Por favor, no se pierdan estas oportunidades para recibir la gracia de Dios!
Year of Mercy

Your Hand Guides Me

An Examination of Conscience for Holy Week

There are two common ways that people prepare for Confession in Lent. They make a list of sins they want to put behind them. Or they review past entries in their prayer journals to identify personal struggles.

But no matter how self-aware we become, we are not our own final judges—God is. Fortunately, he’s a “judge” who knows us intimately and loves us tenderly. According to Psalm 139, God formed our inmost being. He is aware of our virtuous inclinations along with every temptation that ripples through us. Since God is familiar with all our ways, he is the perfect guide to accompany us as we examine our consciences.

This year, try to have an open conversation with the Lord. Be open to God’s guidance about areas he wants to change or restore. Your time with him can be comfortable but honest, like working out a problem with a friend over a hot drink.

With the psalmist, invite the Lord to examine you and show you a new way: Probe me, God, know my heart; try me, know my thoughts. See if there is a wicked path in me; lead me along an ancient path. (Psalm 139:23-24)

There is a pathway to goodness, and it starts with repentance. Only you and God know the areas of your life most in need of his healing touch. The list doesn’t have to be long; repentance in one area can cause a chain reaction in others. Resolving your pride, for example, might put an end to jealous tendencies.

Whatever your examination brings up, know that God’s response to you is mercy. You are precious to him—he knit you in your mother’s womb (Psalm 139:13). So sit quietly with him, and ask him to show you yourself. When an area of sin comes to mind, know that God is guiding you back to him.

Listed here are some areas you may want to examine during your time with the Lord.

**Worship** Keeping the Sabbath, honoring God in speech, praying regularly. Lord, how can I get to know you more deeply? Do I love you with all my heart, mind, soul & strength? Is there a prayer, devotion, Sacrament, or virtue that you want me to pursue?

**Relationships** Parents, children, spouse, co-workers, friends, strangers, married, single, religious. Holy Spirit, what relationships need reconciliation, healing, and gentle love from me? Is there anyone I can encourage or reach out to in a spirit of generosity? How can I draw closer to the people I am distant from?

**Stewardship** Finances, property, assigned duties, the earth, people under your care, tithing. Father, what are your priorities? Who is on your heart? How can I conduct my affairs with your heart of mercy? Is there an area of stewardship that you want me to reexamine?

**Heart Matters** Lying, cheating, coveting, lust, adultery. God, how can I purify my thoughts and intentions? What is the truth you want me to understand? How can I stay accountable in these matters of the heart?

**Service** Family, the elderly the poor, the sick, neighbors, ministries, work, recreation. Jesus, am I spending my time well? Have I made any activity or person an idol by accident? Is there a person, a group of people or a work that you want me to serve?

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**Rosario** Tenemos Rosario cada domingo a las 11.30 am aquí en la Iglesia.

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**Diocesan Information**

If a Prenatal Diagnosis is Poor…You are not alone. There is help. The Diocese of Allentown has a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis.

For support, contact: Sr. Janice MarieJohnson,, Johnson@allentown diocese.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.

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**Los Sacramentos de los adultos**

Si un adulto está en la necesidad de los sacramentos, estamos organizando clases para prepararlos. Por favor, ponte en contacto con el padre José o Maurcia Meza.

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**Misa dominical** La Misa del domingo es una obligación. Es la ley de la Iglesia. Es también uno de los Diez Mandamientos. Por favor, vengan a asistir a la Misa todos los domingos con sus hijos.

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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, PA.

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Why Not Give The Bernardine Sisters Something for Lent. Again, we will be participating in a special collection taken up for the Bernardine Sisters. You may drop off your item at church or please bring it to the parish office during office hours.

Examples of items which are most needed are: laundry detergent, bar soaps, hand towels, bath towels, tissues, mouthwash, denture cleaner, shampoo, writing paper/cards, pillows, wash cloths, hand & body lotion, baby wipes, liquid soap refill, deodorant, Clorox, & twin blankets.

Benefit of the Retirement Nursing Home of the Bernardine Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis & St. Joseph Villa – Please Note: these items will not be given to the poor.