

**DIVINE MERCY PARISH**  
**Sunday, April 19, 2020**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**



Established on January 6, 2020, and rooted in Catholic Tradition and Faith, Divine Mercy Parish, made up of the former parishioners of Saint Benedict the Moor, Church of the Epiphany and Saint Mary of Mercy, is located in the heart of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. As such, we aim to root ourselves as a Eucharistic Center, devoted to offering spiritual and physical nourishment to a diverse community, both parishioners and non-parishioners alike. In the coming months, we look forward to building a parish rooted in Christ that will offer an opportunity to encounter Jesus and one another in vibrant Liturgies, frequent confession times offered, time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Catholic Speaker Series, events for youth and young adults, encounters with and for the most vulnerable, outreach ministry, multicultural encounters, and so much more. We are very excited that the Lord has graced us with the protection of His Divine Mercy and look forward to serving you and serving alongside you in the coming weeks, months and years.

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### Mass Intentions

To request a Mass intention, please call or email the Parish Office at [office@divinemergypgh.org](mailto:office@divinemergypgh.org) or visit [divinemergypgh.org](http://divinemergypgh.org) to complete an online form.

### Join our Parish Family

Visit our website at [www.divinemergypgh.org](http://www.divinemergypgh.org) or call the parish office.

### Bulletin Requests

If you would like to have information included in the bulletin, please contact the Parish Office at [office@divinemergypgh.org](mailto:office@divinemergypgh.org).

### Schedule a Meeting

To make an appointment with Fr. Chris contact Cindy at [cagoetz@divinemergypgh.org](mailto:cagoetz@divinemergypgh.org)

### Join us on Flocknote



Stay up to date with announcements and news or receive weekly videos, by choosing a group to join on Flocknote! Sign up at [www.divinemergypgh.org](http://www.divinemergypgh.org) or text DivineMercyPgh to 84576 to join.

## SAINT BENEDICT THE MOOR CHURCH

91 Crawford Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

## EPIPHANY CHURCH

164 Washington Place  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

## SAINT MARY OF MERCY CHURCH

202 Stanwix Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

<b><u>CONFESSIONS:</u></b>	CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY	Monday and Friday 11:15 AM-11:45 AM
	SAINT MARY OF MERCY CHURCH	Monday through Friday 11:00 AM-11:45 AM
	SAINT BENEDICT THE MOOR CHURCH	Sunday 10:00 AM
<b><u>NOVENAS:</u></b>	CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY	Saint Rita, Mondays after 12:05 PM Mass
	CHURCH OF THE EIPPHANY	Sorrowful Mother, Fridays after 12:05 PM Mass
	SAINT BENEDICT THE MOOR CHURCH	Saint Benedict, Begins 9 weeks prior to the Feast Day after Sunday Mass
	SAINT MARY OF MERCY CHURCH	Miraculous Medal, Mondays after 12:00 Noon Mass

**Although all public Masses have been suspended at this time. Masses will still be said for the following scheduled Mass intentions through the private prayer of our priests.**

Jane Rombach Sinith (Mom and Dad)  
 Dan Rooney + (7:30 Mass Group)  
 DiPofi Family +(Dolores DiPofi)  
 Vincent m. Febbraro + (Daughter, Linda Febbraro)  
 Frank Distazio + (Dr. Francis Esposito)  
 John and Mildred Burke + (Bud and Karen Burke)  
 Betrose and Petriga Families +  
 Anne Elaine Doring + (Rev. Christopher Donley)  
 Kathleen and John Mulroy + (Daughter, Marion)  
 Rosemary Marchese (John F. Webber)  
 Emil Duleba + (Stephanie and Jim Baumgartner)  
 Mr. Guy D. Simmons + (Mr. and Mrs. Moses Simmons)  
 Francis J Audia (Janet and Family)



**eGiving with Faith Direct**

Divine Mercy Parish needs your support now more than ever! Join the parishioners who are using Faith Direct for automated giving to Divine Mercy Parish. Faith Direct offers a safe and secure way to donate to our parish in this time of uncertainty. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Sign up today by visiting our website, [www.divinemerccypgh.org](http://www.divinemerccypgh.org), or text 'Enroll' to (412) 415-7067.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless,

Father Chris

## Second Sunday of Easter



### Readings

**First Reading** *Acts 2:42-47*

**Second Reading** *1 Peter 1:3-9*

**Gospel** *John 20:19-31*

*“Give thanks to the Lord  
for He is good,  
his love is everlasting.”*

### Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

### Mass and Prayer

Although all Masses and services in the Diocese of Pittsburgh have been cancelled, the daily 12:00 pm Mass at Saint Mary of Mercy Church can be live streamed or viewed on demand, seven days a week on Comcast channel 95 in the Greater Pittsburgh area or at [www.christianassociatestv.org](http://www.christianassociatestv.org). Pittsburgh’s Faith and Family channel 40.9 also carries it Monday through Saturday.

Mass can also be accessed through our website at [www.divinemercurypgh.org](http://www.divinemercurypgh.org), along with more resources for prayer.

Every day at 3:00 PM, join the Sisters of Merciful Jesus in prayer, as they live stream an Hour of Mercy on Facebook, where they will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the rosary for the end of COVID-19.

Visit [www.facebook.com/DivineMercyPgh](http://www.facebook.com/DivineMercyPgh) to be directed to their page.

Saint Anthony Chapel will live stream the Holy Rosary, Monday through Saturday at 12:00 PM and Stations of the Cross, Sunday at 3:00 PM and Friday at 7:00 PM.

## PARISH NEWS



The opening for Brother Andre's Café has been pushed back indefinitely. To stay up to date, visit [www.facebook.com/brotherandres](http://www.facebook.com/brotherandres) or find them on Instagram at [brother\\_andres\\_cafe](https://www.instagram.com/brother_andres_cafe)

### African American History

**Percy Julian** was an American chemist, synthesist of cortisone, hormones, and other products from soybeans. He studied at De Pauw University and Harvard University.

In his research Julian isolated simple compounds in natural products, then attempted to create those compounds artificially; he worked on synthesizing the drug physostigmine, used to treat glaucoma; refined a soya protein that became the basis of Aero-Foam, a foam fire extinguisher used by the U.S. Navy in World War II; and he led research that resulted in quantity production of the hormones progesterone and testosterone and of cortisone drugs.

In 1950 Julian, an African American, was named Chicago's Man of the Year in a *Chicago Sun-Times* poll. He was a fund-raiser for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) for their project to sue to enforce civil rights legislation. Percy died on April 19, 1975.

### DIVINE MERCY PARISH BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Betty Bell 4/19	Ayisha Morgan-Lee 4/21
Mary Ann Miller 4/19	Wilbert Young 4/21
Esa Rubin 4/19	Roseland Bainum 4/22
Florence Taylor 4/19	Ivy Melgarejo 4/22
Mary Graham 4/20	Mark Cirrioncione 4/23
Janet Mostowy 4/20	Aaron Klemens 4/23
Ukamaka Okwor 4/20	Andrew Fandozzi III 4/24
Sam Webb 4/20	Claudette McPherson 4/24
Edward Davis 4/21	Alice Durham 4/25
Anthony Dougherty 4/21	Indira McDonald 4/25
Fiona McGrath 4/21	

To be included in the weekly parishioner birthday list, please email your birthday to [office@divinemercypgh.org](mailto:office@divinemercypgh.org)

\*Videos of encouragement and prayer from Father Joe Freedy and Father Chris Donley can be found on Flocknotes, Facebook, and through our website.

### Mass Intentions

We are still taking Mass intentions. All priests in our parish will continue to celebrate private Masses and offering them up for a particular Mass intentions. To request a Mass, visit our website, request by mail, or email [office@divinemercypgh.org](mailto:office@divinemercypgh.org)



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### Divine Mercy Parish Prayer Board

Betty Bell, Edward Davis, Dolores Denton, Carol Derewcz, Grace Dixon-Kizzie, Patricia Ellis, Debra Foster, Woody Frazier, Ann Fultz, Richard Gazzam, Janet Glass, Brenda Glenn, Mary Graham, Helena Harris, Harold G. Heim, Jr., Osaruyi Osasere Igbneweka, Billy Jenkins, Sandra Johnson, Sean Kraus, Tiffany Livsey, Aisha Lado, Toni Long, Andrew Lyke, Ruth McCartney, Sager McDill FMM, DMK, Sherry McGinnis, Todd Mattei, Betty Muse, Josephine O'Connor, Ira Ritter, Sr. Mary Samuels, Genevieve Sanford, Debbie Sturm, Vincent Tucker, Lyle Williams, Margaret, Leslie Wilson, Regina Zelik, Jerry Barry, Laurie Bozik, Robert Dougherty, William Egger, Richard Gazzam, Katherine Gross, Margaret Hurney, Marva Josie, D.M.K., Barbara Kuhn, F.M.M., Jessie Marsh, Patricia Morra, Daniel Murphy, Dennis Murphy, Justin Murphy, Jean O'Hanlon, Mary Ann Pacini, Clara Jane Roy, Marianne Wisdom Oines, C.Z.R., Sr. Mary Ann Troup, Elsie Urban, Bill Vergot, Derrick Gardener, Leah Lindenfelser, Diane and Jim Foley, Elizabeth Kochin Donna Bradley, Larry Sobek Mary Jane Metz and victims of abuse.

To add a name to our prayer board, please email [office@divinemercypgh.org](mailto:office@divinemercypgh.org)

### **ATTENTION!**

**Please be aware of emails claiming to be from Father Chris Donley and Father Joe Freedy. These messages are part of a phishing campaign. If you receive such an email, for your safety, please do not give your information or comply with their requests. Any emails from Father Chris or Father Joe will either come from an @divinemercypgh or @diopitt email account.**

## Prayers

### Prayer to Stem the Scourge of the Pandemic

God our Father, We come to you in our need  
to ask your protection against the COVID-19 virus  
that has disturbed and even claimed lives.  
We pray that you guide the people tasked to find cures for this disease  
and to stem its transmission. Protect the medical experts  
that they may minister to the sick with competence and compassion.  
We pray for those afflicted. May they be restored to health soon.  
Protect those who care for them. Grant eternal rest to those who have died.  
Give us the grace in this trying time to work for the good of all and to help those in need.  
We implore you to stop the spread of this virus and to save us from our fears.  
Grant all these petitions through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

Amen.

We fly to your protection, oh Holy Mother of God.  
Do not despise our petition in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers,  
oh glorious and Blessed Virgin.

Amen.

O Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us.  
Saint Joseph, protector of the Holy Church, pray for us.  
Saint Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.  
Saint George the Martyr, pray for us.  
Saint Corona the Martyr, pray for us.  
Saint Roch, pray for us.  
Saint Rosalia, pray for us.  
Saint Sebastian, pray for us.  
Saint Gregory the Great, pray for us.  
Saint Charles Borromeo, pray for us.  
Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us.

### Pope Francis' Prayer to Our Lady Imploring Her Protection Amid the Coronavirus

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

**Red Door Ministry:** Those in need can receive a bagged lunch Monday through Saturday from **10:30 AM-11:30 AM**

The actual Red Door is located on the Boulevard of the Allies. New Hours Tuesday - Friday 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM and Saturday 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Mother Teresa Conference:** Please contact us at 412-204-7446 or svdpstteresaPGH@gmail.com for assistance in the Pittsburgh 15219 & 15222 areas with available social services and other resources. VOLUNTEERS: Hearts ready to serve the Lord by aiding our Friends in Need are urgently needed. Please join us as we pray and learn together how to be the face of Christ to those in need through home visits and available social services .