

DIVINE MERCY PARISH
Sunday, April 26, 2020
Third 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@divinemercypgh.org or visit divinemercypgh.org to complete an online form.

Join our Parish Family

Visit our website at www.divinemercypgh.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@divinemercypgh.org.

Schedule a Meeting

To make an appointment with Fr. Chris contact Cindy at cagoetz@divinemercypgh.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.divinemercypgh.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

CONFESSIONS:

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

NOVENAS:

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.

Kathleen and John Mulroy+ (Daughter, Marion)
Rosemary Marchese (John F. Webber)
Mr. Guy D. Simmons + (Mr. and Mrs. Moses Simmons)
Emil Duleba + (Stephanie and Jim Baumgartner)
Francis J. Audia (Janet and Family)
Edward Marian + (Frank and Esther DiPasquale)
In Memory of John and Rita Kokai + (Daughters)
Charles S. Lucza + (James Threatt)
Margaret Majicut + (children)
Ed Urban + Sam and Madilyn Manfredi)
55th Wedding Anniversary Joe and Gerry Brosky
Giuseppi Battaglia (Battaglia Family)
Stella and Joseph Leopardi + (Dino Ciabattoni and Debbie Dibucci)
John Schmelzer + (Mike and Teri Fitzgerald)



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.divinemercypgh.org, or text 'Enroll' to (412) 415-7067.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless,

Father Chris

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Readings

First Reading Acts 2:14, 22-33

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel Lk 24: 13-35

Mass Intentions

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

*“Lord, You will show us
the path of life”*

-Ps 16

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. Pittsburgh’s Faith and Family channel 40.9 also carries it Monday through Saturday.

Mass can also be accessed through our website at www.divinemercypgh.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 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

African American History

Sarah Boone received a patent on April 26, 1892 for a device which would help to neatly iron clothing. This device, the predecessor to our modern ironing board was made of a narrow wooden board, with collapsible legs and a padded cover and was specifically designed for the fitted clothing worn during that time period.

Chamberlain, Gaius. "Gaius Chamberlain." *The Black Inventor Online Museum*, Gaius Chamberlain [Http://Blackinventor.com/Wp-Content/Uploads/2013/04/biomlogo300c.Png](http://Blackinventor.com/Wp-Content/Uploads/2013/04/biomlogo300c.Png), 24 Jan. 2015, blackinventor.com/sarah-boone/.

DIVINE MERCY PARISH BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Andrew Barko 4/26	Mark Foerster 4/30
Denise Robinson 4/26	Christopher Roach Jr. 4/30
John Donley 4/27	Catherine Udekwu 5/01
Candace Cain 4/29	Simeon Chielu 5/02
Christie Copeland 4/29	Samuel Copeland 5/02
Rosemary Skaggs 4/29	Gabriella Mulbah 5/02

To be included in the weekly parishioner birthday list, please email your birthday to office@divinemercypgh.org



Divine Mercy Sunday

The Sisters of Merciful Jesus, together with Bishop Waltersheid and Fr. Joe Freedy, drove around with the images of Merciful Jesus and blessed the city of Pittsburgh!

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.

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 Igbineweka, 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

Contribution Totals

Week of April 5th

OFFERTORY	\$4,384.00
CARE FOR THE POOR	\$11,148.00
TV MINISTRY	\$5.00
PARISH SHARE	\$85.00

Week of April 12th

OFFERTORY	\$2,330.00
CARE FOR THE POOR	\$15,265.00
EASTER	\$400.00
HOLY THURSDAY	\$2,115.00
TV MINISTRY	\$100.00
PARISH SHARE	\$230.00

Week of April 19th

OFFERTORY	\$6,925.00
CARE FOR THE POOR	\$35,331.36
TV MINISTRY	\$190.00
PARISH SHARE	\$191.00
CHURCH UPKEEP	\$60.00
DONATIONS	\$340.00
EASTER	\$445.00
GOOD FRIDAY	\$101.00
HOLY THURSDAY	\$90.00

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

A Letter From Father Chris and Father Joe

Dear Divine Mercy Parishioners,

We hope and pray that you are doing well in these most unusual of days. We have been lifting you up daily in prayer and thinking of you often. We look forward to the day when we can gather together once again as a community rooted in Christ Jesus, sharing in His Word, His Body and Blood, and in a common love for one another.

As you may know by now, we have been taking care of the homeless population of our parish over the last month through our efforts at the Red Door. We have been preparing and serving lunch and dinner daily and have had the amazing privilege of getting to know the most vulnerable in our parish boundaries and beyond. Thank you so much for your continued support of these efforts for those most in need through your prayers, your words of encouragement, and your donations. What a blessing.

We have also been very fortunate to be able to offer daily mass for you and your intentions. We hope you have been joining us daily at noon. Please visit our parish website to learn how to watch if you have not done so already.

If you are in physical or spiritual need in these days, please do not hesitate to reach out to either one of us. As you know, we are not immune to the financial difficulties that everyone is facing these days. If you are able to, we would ask that you prayerfully consider offering whatever you can. We have established an easy way for our parishioners to donate online by visiting our website and using the faith direct option. We are also accepting checks in the mail. If you are able, we ask that give what you can. Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

As of today, Bishop Zubik has not given a date for when we might be able to open the Church doors and worship together again. Once he offers any information on this, we will be sure to pass it along. In the meantime, if you or anyone you know is in need of our assistance, please reach out. Again, count on our prayers during this time of isolation. Let's keep one another in prayer and continue to let God reign in our hearts minds and souls. May God bless you and keep you and your loved ones in good physical, mental and spiritual health.

Your brothers in Christ,

Fr. Joe and Fr. Chris

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 .