

DIVINE MERCY PARISH
Sunday, May 31, 2020
Pentecost Sunday



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 or visit divinemergypgh.org to complete an online form.

Join our Parish Family

Visit our website at 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.

Schedule a Meeting

To make an appointment with Fr. Chris contact Cindy at 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 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

Location: Epiphany Church, Upper Parking Lot

Day: Monday through Friday

Time: 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

ADORATION

Location: Epiphany Church, Administrative Office Parking Lot

Day: Everyday, Sunday through Saturday

Time: 7:30 am to 7:30 pm

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.

Deborah M. Soliday + (John and Elain Hemmes)
Eileen Sisteck Meyer + (Family)
Jim and Millie Morgan + (Bud and Karen Burke)
Ray Rielly + (Joe and Eileen Sisca)
Raymond Potter + (Rev. Chrisophter Donley)
Frank Anthony Scalamagna+ (Maria Scalamagna)
Steve and Marge Gajdosik + (B. Gajdosik)
Clara Manfredi + (Sam and Madilyn Manfredi)
In Memory of John and Rita Kokai + (Daughters)
Margaret Kachurik + (Stephanie and Jim Baumgartner)
Janet Formica + (Rev. Christopher Donley)

ANNOUNCEMENT

To the faithful at St. Benedict the Moor Church, may the Holy Spirit continue to lead and guide you.

When I was with you in February, I asked Fr. Freedy and Dr. Greta Stokes Tucker to form a group to provide recommendations that would address the issues you raised. The Task Group recently submitted its work, which I will review and respond to in the coming weeks. In the meantime, I thank the Task Group members for their assistance and diligence, particularly in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

They are Ms. Katharine Dansby-Dean, Ms. Charelise Davis, Mrs. Diana James, Mr. Conrad Johnson, Mrs. Janice Simmons, Dr. Darrell Rubin, Ms. Shelley Sims, and Ms. Gwendolyn Young, Diocesan National Black Catholic Congress Leadership Team.

May the Risen Christ fill your hearts with joy and peace.

Bishop David Zubik

PENTECOST SUNDAY



Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honor of the risen Lord, and that what we relieve in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Readings

First Reading *Acts 2:1-11*

Second Reading *1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13*

Gospel *John 20:19-23*

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,
send out your spirit
and renew
the face of the earth.*

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

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 Mass on Facebook Monday through Saturday at 8:30 AM and Sunday morning at 10:00 AM. Saint Anthony Chapel will be open for private prayer Monday through Thursday and on Saturday from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Please be sure to read their guidelines.

PARISH NEWS

African American History

Patricia Roberts Harris was born on May 31, 1924 in Mattoon, Illinois. She attended Howard University and in 1955, married Howard University law professor, William Harris. She went on to receive a law degree from George Washington University, graduating number one in her class in 1960 and was admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court. In 1977, President Jimmy Carter nominated Harris to become the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). During the confirmation hearings she was challenged repeatedly by Republican senators who questioned her ability to represent the interests of the poor. Her reply was: "You do not seem to understand who I am. I am a black woman, the daughter of a dining car waiter. I am a black woman who could not buy a house eight years ago in parts of the District of Columbia. I didn't start out as a member of a prestigious law firm, but as a woman who needed a scholarship to go to school. If you think that I have forgotten that, you are wrong."

Harris became the first African American woman to direct a Federal department. She died of breast cancer on March 23, 1985 at the age of 60.

Okocha, Victor. "Patricia Roberts Harris (1924-1985)." *Welcome to Blackpast* *, 30 July 2019, www.blackpast.org/african-american-history/harris-patricia-roberts-1924-1985/.

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@divinemerccypgh.org

FAITH DIRECT TOTALS FOR MARCH AND APRIL

OFFERTORY	\$11,165.00
PARISH SHARE	\$1,075.00
CARE FOR THE POOR	\$11,538.00
CHURCH UPKEEP	\$20.00
TV MINISTRY	\$135.00
ASCENSION	\$20.00
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES	\$10.00
HOLY THURSDAY	\$60.00
GOOD FRIDAY	\$60.00
EASTER	\$50.00
RED DOOR	\$5,670.00

DIVINE MERCY PARISH BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

McKenzie Page 5/31	Katherine Amenta 6/03
August Seibel 5/31	Henry Bertrand 6/04
Philip Shipe 5/31	Grace Dixon-Kizzie 6/04
Christine Mazza 6/01	Bruno Bretti 6/06
Christine Mitchell 6/01	Joshua Haupt 6/06
Nick Fenton 6/02	Ella Lesnefsky 6/06
Abbey Olenick 6/02	Onyedikachi Ngwu 6/06
Vanessa Sumrok 6/02	Christina Norkus 6/06
Steven Wagner 6/02	

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

Welcome to Our Divine Mercy Parish Family

Ms. Abbey Karcher

Ms. Lauren Witter

Mr. Matthew Burne

Contribution Totals

First Collection	\$2,630.00
PARISH SHARE	\$370.00
CARE FOR THE POOR	\$165.00
CHURCH BUILDING UPKEEP	\$260.00
TV MINISTRY	\$6.00
PETER PENCE COLLECTION	\$5.00
RED DOOR	\$700.00
DONATIONS	\$80.00
ASCENSION OF THE LORD	\$170.00
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES	\$175.00
EASTERN EUROPE AND LATIN AMERICA	
TOTAL	\$4,561.00

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 @divinemerccypgh or @diopitt email account.

PARISH COMMUNITY



Divine Mercy Parish Food Assistance Programs

Red Door Ministry:

Lunch

Monday through Saturday
10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Dinner

Monday through Friday
5:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Saint Faustina Gate:

Fridays
10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Saint Benedict the Moor Church Location:

Saint Benedict the Moor Food Pantry will be open to all Divine Mercy parishioners and residents of the lower Hill District from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the following dates:

May 26th
June 10th and 25th
July 10th and 24th.



Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday concludes the Easter season and celebrates the beginning of the Church.

It is the celebration of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, allowing them to speak in different languages, as well as giving the apostles other gifts necessary to go out and preach the word of God.

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, Peter gave his first homily to Jews and other non-believers, showing them the scriptures of the Old Testament where the prophet Joel foretold the coming of the Holy Spirit .

Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church because through the Holy Spirit, the apostles and believers, for the first time, were united by a common language, with a common purpose, to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations.

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 .