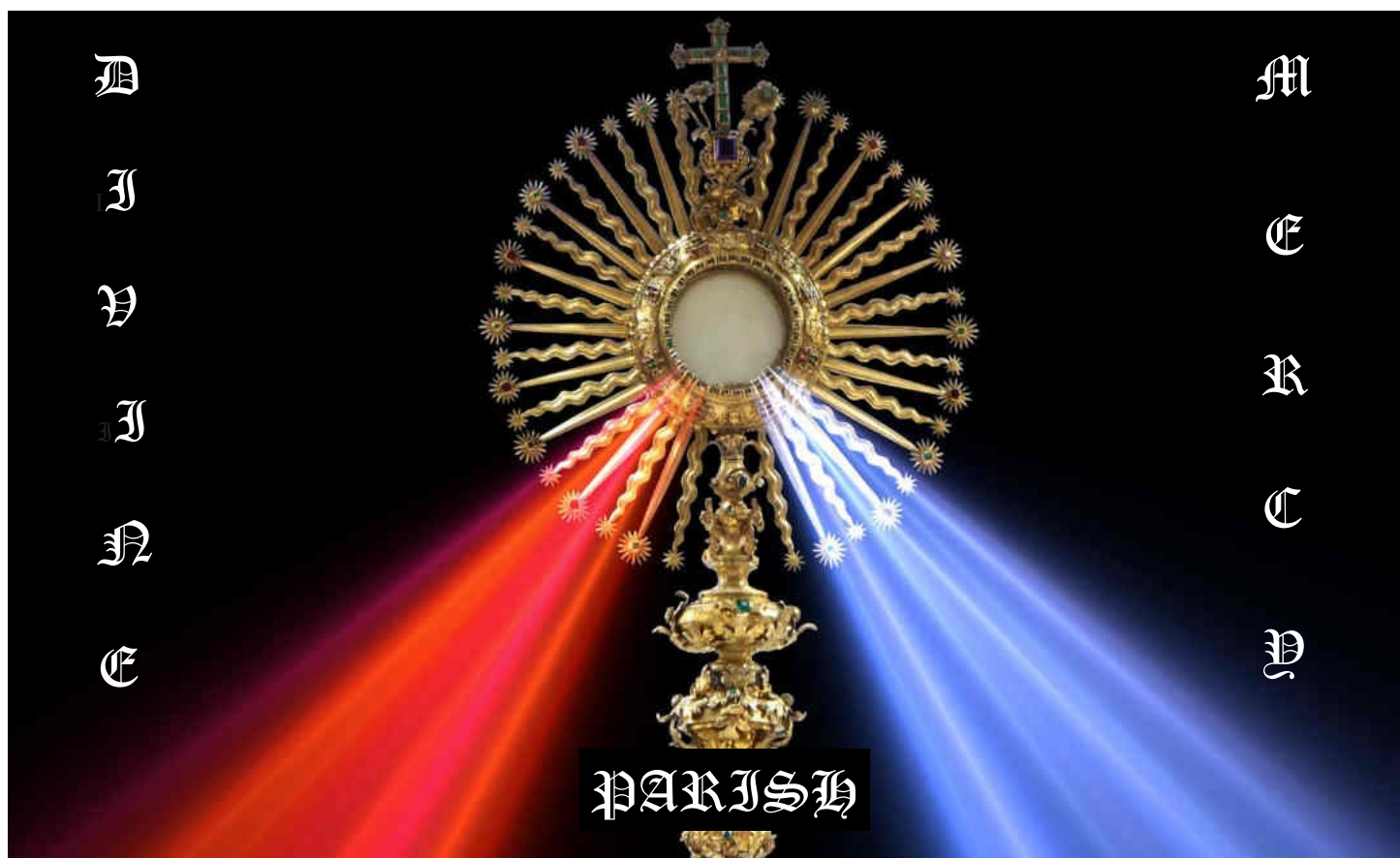


DIVINE MERCY PARISH
Sunday, June 21, 2020
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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Office Hours—Temporarily Closed

Our parish staff is working remotely and will do their best to respond to all correspondence within 24 hours.

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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

Although most 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.

Joseph Atria +(Marge Atria)
Mary Lou and John A. Leopardi + (Dino Ciabattoni and Debbie DiBucci)
Erdeljac and Bestic Family + (Family)
Margaret Stewart+ Eileen and Joe Sisca
Special Intention (B.Gajdosik)
Jim and Millie Morgan + (Bud and Karen Burke)
Theresa Gaita + (Theresa Bronowicz)
In Honor of the Sacred Heart (B. Gajdosik)
Betrose and Petriga Families +
Marie Muehlbauer + (David Muehlbauer)

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Announcement Effective 6.15.2020

Divine Mercy Parish Saint Mary of Mercy Church Daily Noon Mass Sunday-Saturday

- Church doors will be open daily at 11:30am and close immediately after mass
- No more than 150 people permitted in the church
- Please wear a mask when you are in the church building
- Please stay home if you are sick or at high-risk
- Please only sit in the designated pews
- Please wipe down your seat before existing the church, wipes will be available
- Do not congregate in the church before or after mass

Divine Mercy Parish will continue to offer the following:

Everyday: Mass livestreamed from Divine Mercy Parish at Noon. (www.divinemeracyphg.org)

Sunday: Distribution of Holy Communion from Divine Mercy Parish, 164 Washington Place, lower parking lot, from 1:00pm to 1:30pm

Monday and Friday: Confessions available from Divine Mercy Parish, 164 Washington Place, upper parking lot, from 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Divine Mercy Parish will continue to study unique situation of our parish on a daily basis, with the ardent desire to open for mass and prayer in all three of our churches very soon.

A Letter From Father Joe

Dear Divine Mercy Parishioners,

I just wanted to write a brief note to let you know, if you haven't heard yet that the Bishop has reassigned me to be the administrator of three parishes (St. John Neumann, Sacred Heart in Emsworth, Assumption).

I begin on July 1st. I wanted to let you know that although it was a brief time here with you all and most of it was covid-time, that I really loved this assignment and I loved being with you. I'm really grateful for all the kindness you showed me and the way you welcomed me into the community. I'm looking forward to the challenge in front of me but it's really hard to leave with all that was beginning to happen here. I'll keep you in my prayers and I'm grateful for your prayers as well.

God bless you and thanks again so much for your love and kindness.

Fr. Joe

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 *Jer 20:10-13*

Second Reading *Rom 5:12-15*

Gospel *Mt 10:26-31*

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,
in your great love,
answer me*

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.

Join the Sisters of Merciful Jesus through Facebook live for prayer and worship on their page, Divine Mercy Center Pittsburgh.

PARISH NEWS

African American History

Carl B. Stokes was born on June 21, 1927 to Charles and Louise Stokes in Cleveland, Ohio. In 1944, he dropped out of high school at the age of 17, enlisted in the US Army in 1945, and received his BA from University of Minnesota in 1955 after his discharge.

Stokes returned to Cleveland, where he completed law school at Cleveland-Marshall Law School in 1958.

His political career began in 1962 when he was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives. In 1967, he became the first African American mayor of a major U.S. city and was recognized both in Cleveland and throughout the nation as a supporter of the Civil Rights movement and a strong advocate of minorities' rights. As mayor he opened numerous city government positions for African Americans and women.

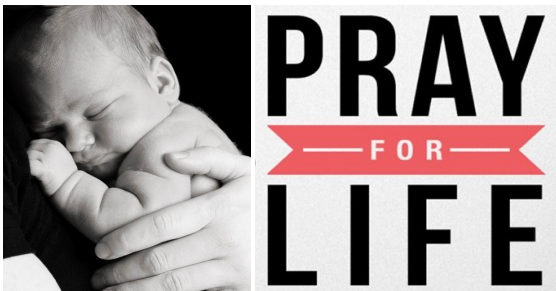
Following his mayoral tenure, Stokes became the nation's first black anchorman when he went to work at New York's WNBC-TV in 1972. He left WNBC in 1980. In 1983 he was appointed a municipal judge in Cleveland, a position he held until 1994. That year Stokes was appointed by President William Jefferson Clinton to serve as the U.S. ambassador to Seychelles. While serving in that post, Stokes was diagnosed with esophageal cancer and returned to Cleveland to seek treatment. He died at the Cleveland Clinic on April 3, 1996 of complications related to his cancer.

Hamilton, Samuel Z. "Carl B. Stokes (1927-1996) •." •, 22 June 2019, www.blackpast.org/african-american-history/stokes-carl-b-1927-1996/.

DIVINE MERCY PARISH BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sophie Ambe 6/21	Gertrude Njobvu 6/23
Enock Ebo 6/21	Shirley Olayinka Aganga-W 6/24
Elizabeth Hight 6/21	Pauline Igbineweka 6/24
Vinnie Coffey-Bey 6/22	William Muse 6/24
Mary Gaita 6/22	Kaitlin O'Brien 6/24
Morgan Logan 6/22	Patricia Doherty 6/25
Anthony Amato 6/23	Elliot Roach 6/25
Blessing Gbolo 6/23	Erica Valles 6/25
Andrew Hanobik 6/23	Gia Doerue 6/27
Zaydon Mary 6/23	Valerie Marcellus 6/27

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



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, Helene 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

FAITH DIRECT TOTALS

5.15—5.31

OFFERTORY	\$1,370.00
CARE FOR THE POOR	\$680.00
CHURCH UPKEEP	\$10.00
TV MINISTRY	\$30.00
PETER'S PENCE	\$10.00
DONATIONS	\$600.00
TOTAL	\$2,700.00

CONTRIBUTION TOTALS

First Collection	\$1,710.00
PARISH SHARE	\$1.00
CARE FOR THE POOR	\$170.00
CHURCH BUILDING UPKEEP	\$176.00
TV MINISTRY	\$105.00
PETERS PENCE	\$80.00
RED DOOR	\$493.00
ASCENSION OF THE LORD	\$6.00
DONATIONS	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$2,841.00

PARISH COMMUNITY



Congratulations to Chris Roach, the 2020 Recipient of the Sister Susan Welsh Good Neighbor Award.

McAuley Ministries, Pittsburgh Mercy's grant-making foundation, announces the 2020 Sister Susan Welsh Good Neighbor Award recipient, Uptown resident Mr. Christopher R. Roach, Jr. Mr. Roach was nominated by Ms. Jeanne McNutt, executive director of Uptown Partners of Pittsburgh, and Ms. Raqueeb Bey, founder and executive director of Black Urban Gardeners and Farmers of Pittsburgh Co-op.

The Good Neighbor Award was created to honor the legacy of Sister Susan Welsh, RSM, retired president and CEO of Pittsburgh Mercy, and current board chairperson and founding board member of McAuley Ministries Foundation. The award recognizes a resident of the Hill District, Uptown, or West Oakland, the neighborhoods served by McAuley Ministries, who exemplifies the ideals of a "good neighbor" willing to devote time, talents, and resources to make their neighborhood a better place to live. The award celebrates an individual resident who is working at the grassroots level to make a positive difference for his or her neighbors and community, beyond their day-to-day work responsibilities.

Ms. Bey affirmed why Mr. Roach was nominated: Chris is a founding volunteer of the Tustin Street Community Garden, becoming the volunteer manager, and has taken a leadership role in the MLK Community Garden that links Uptown to the rest of the Hill District. Recently, Chris began work with Pittsburgh Water & Sewer Authority (PWSA) to reconfigure the MLK Garden footprint to implement significant underground storm water mitigation strategies.

Chris formerly worked with Operation Safety Net, where he provided street outreach and advocated on behalf of the homeless community. Chris worked with the City of Pittsburgh to develop important policies to make sure that the under-served homeless population, in not only Uptown, but across the city, was treated with decent human respect. Beyond his job expectations, Chris took on the role of vice president of the Allegheny County Homeless Advisory Board and chaired the Street Outreach Coordinating Committee, which focused on law enforcement collaboration, transition homeless encampments, and veteran homelessness. Chris has helped organize numerous events in Uptown, including those that fight gentrification for fair, just, and equitable development. He helped with events in support of MLK Community Garden and Tustin Street, where the local playground is located.

In addition to lending time and talent to the Tustin Street and MLK Community Gardens, Chris volunteers on the board of Bridge to the Mountains, a nonprofit that, among other services, provides basic survival resources and builds relationships with men and women of all ages who are navigating life on the streets. Chris also volunteers with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Mother Teresa Conference, serving the Hill District and downtown Pittsburgh regions. Here he connects his neighbors in need to services available for food, repairs, and assistance with bills.

Chris is currently vice president of the board for Uptown Partners. With an interest in equitable development, Chris recently joined the Hill Community Development Corporation (CDC) Review Panel to help ensure that proposed projects are in appropriate alignment with the Greater Hill Master Plan. He does the same as a member of the Uptown Partners board, which strives to actualize the Uptown Ecolnnovation District plan to assure that Uptown's revitalization is vibrant, sustainable, and benefits all in the community. McAuley Ministries plans to present the 2020 Sister Susan Welsh Good Neighbor Award to Mr. Roach in person this summer, hopefully, during an outdoor event. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the event will take place when it is deemed safe to gather.



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:

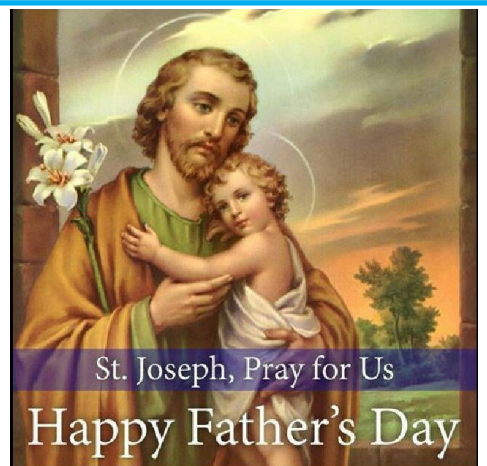
Fridays
10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

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:

June 25th
July 10th and 24th.



St. Joseph, Pray for Us
Happy Father's Day

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all fathers as they care for their families.

Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to You for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender,
in union with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.
St Joseph, Pray for all our Fathers, Amen