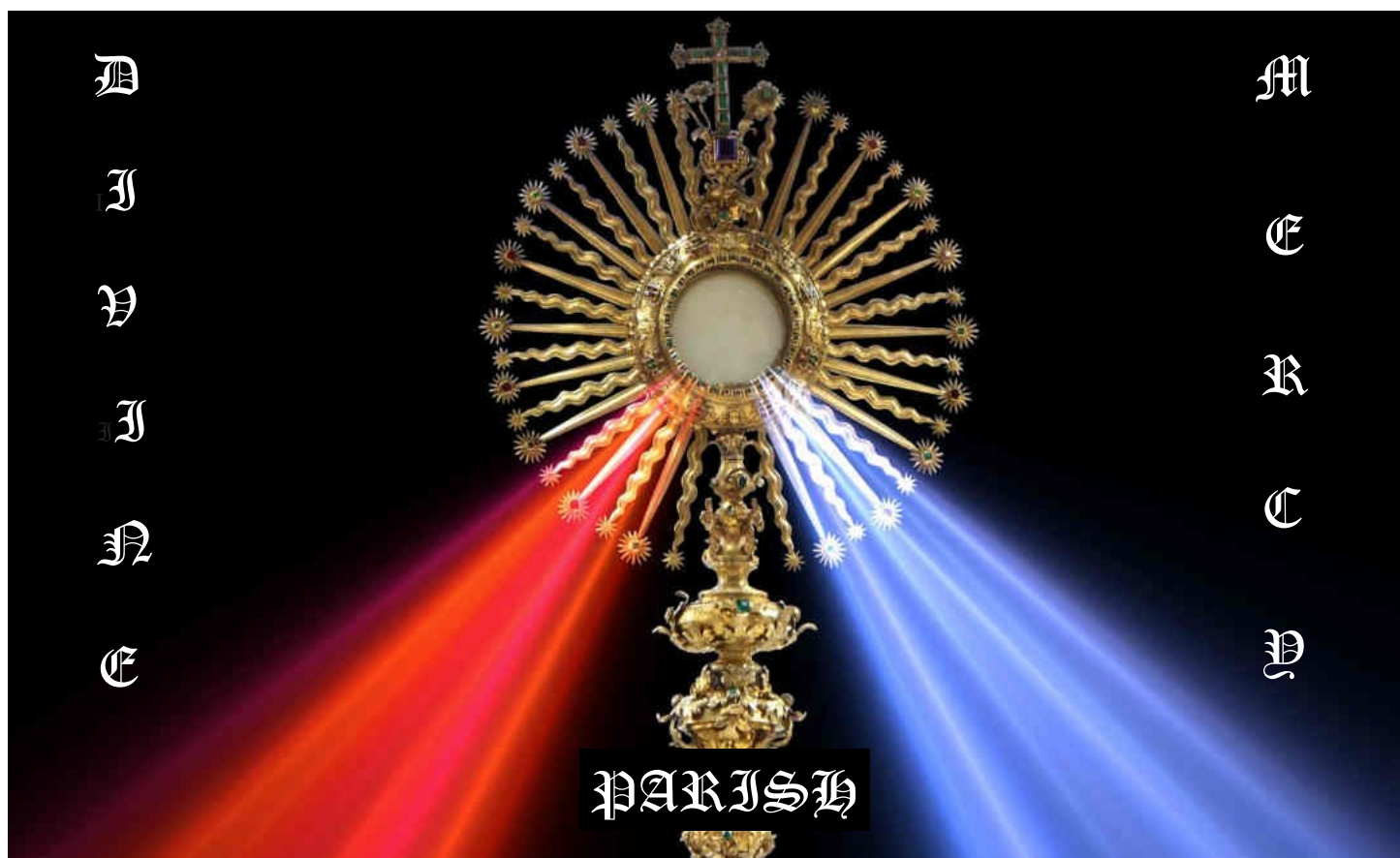


**DIVINE MERCY PARISH**  
**Sunday, June 28, 2020**  
**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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 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](mailto:office@divinemercypgh.org) or visit [divinemercypgh.org](http://divinemercypgh.org) to complete an online form.

### Join our Parish Family

Visit our website at [www.divinemercypgh.org](http://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](mailto:office@divinemercypgh.org).

### Schedule a Meeting

To make an appointment with Fr. Chris contact Cindy at [cagoetz@divinemercypgh.org](mailto: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](http://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.**

Marie Muehlbauer + (David Muehlbauer)
Sam Manfredi Sr. and John Urban (Sam and Marilyn Manfredi)
Mary Rose Gaita (L)(Theresa Bronowicz)
David Klasnick (7:30am Mass Group)
Rev. Raymond Gualtieri (Rev. Christopher D. Donley)
John and Mildred Burke (Bud and Karen Burke)
Charles Leclair Jr. (Wife and Son)
Helen M. Giles (Rev. Don and Kathy Bushyager)
Mrs. Leatha B. Simmons-Mitchell (Mr. and Mrs. Moses Simmons)

### **A Note 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

### **Updated Announcement -- Effective 6.24.2020**

**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 exiting 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.divinemercuryph.org](http://www.divinemercuryph.org))

**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.**

## 13th 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 believe 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** 2 Kgs 4:8-11

**Second Reading** Rom 6:3-4, 8-11

**Gospel** Mt 10:37-42

### 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](mailto:office@divinemercypgh.org)

*Forever,  
I will sing the  
goodness of the Lord.*

### 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](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.divinemercypgh.org](http://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

Measha Brueggergosman is a critically acclaimed Canadian soprano opera singer, born on June 28, 1977. As a teenager she spent summers at the Boston Conservatory and studied one year with New Brunswick soprano, Wendy Nielson, before moving to the University of Toronto where she obtained a Bachelor of Music. She then pursued a Master's degree in music at the Robert Schumann Hochschule in Germany. In 2002, Brueggergosman was featured in the Cincinnati Opera productions of *Elektra*, Jack Heggie's *Dead Man Walking*, and *Turnadot*. Since then, she has continued to develop her concert repertoire, often combining songs with her own arrangements of black spirituals.

Ito, Gail Arlene. *Measha Brueggergosman (1977- )*. 28 July 2019, www.blackpast.org/global-african-history/brueggergosman-measha-1977/.

### DIVINE MERCY PARISH BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Brett Brennfleck 6/28	Jada Adams 7/02
Barb O'Brien 6/28	Shawn Adams 7/02
Matt Gruber 6/29	Abbey Olenick 7/02
Keith Mary 6/30	Denasai Dolby 7/03
Gbemisola Ogunyemi 6/30	Lil Hendricks 7/03
Casey Rankin 6/30	Jonathan Klemens 7/03
Blake Woolridge 6/30	John Parsi 7/03
Isaiah Dean 7/01	Emmanuel Ebo 7/04
Adam Young 7/01	Lucille Hayden 7/04

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

### 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:

July 10th and 24th.

### 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](mailto:office@divinemercypgh.org)

### CONTRIBUTION TOTALS

First Collection	\$4,562.00
PARISH SHARE	\$75.00
CARE FOR THE POOR	\$215.00
CHURCH BUILDING UPKEEP	\$290.00
TV MINISTRY	\$95.00
PETERS PENCE	\$45.00
RED DOOR	\$1,115.00
CATHOLIC RELIEF FUND	\$40.00
DONATIONS	\$1,210.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,647.00</b>

**\*Total contributions include Faith Direct totals from 6.1-6.15**

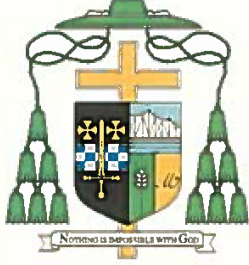
### True History

Poem by Richard Wilson, a friend of the Red Door Ministry.

If you want to solve the mystery  
of African False Inferiority  
take an honest look at history  
and you will find  
that African Americans  
and their ancestors  
have Einstein to benefit mankind  
ever since  
the beginning of time.



## PARISH COMMUNITY



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Office of the Bishop

June 19, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Divine Mercy Parish:

On June 12, 2020, I sent you a letter as a follow-up to my parish visit on February 23, 2020, and the results of the small Task Force that I commissioned under the direction of Father Joseph Freedy and Dr. Greta Stokes Tucker. At the end of last week's letter, I also explained the proposal of the Task Force for me to consider creating a personal parish for the black Catholic community in the Diocese of Pittsburgh and the necessary actions required to advance the proposal.

I can report that since that letter, the following necessary steps have been accomplished:

- a. Father Donley submitted to me a formal petition to create a personal parish signed by him and members of the Parish Finance Council.
- b. As required by Canon Law, this petition was presented to members of Diocesan Priest Council for consultation. The petition was unanimously accepted.
- c. Following Priest Council, I heard the opinion of the Vicars' General and received their unanimous consent.

Thus, having satisfied all the requirements of Canon Law, I am very pleased to announce the establishment of a Personal Parish for the black Catholic community in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, under the title of Saint Benedict the Moor Parish, effective July 13, 2020. In completing all that is necessary to establish a new parish, I am now able to move forward in determining clergy assignments for Saint Benedict the Moor Parish, and this announcement will be forthcoming.

As a reminder, the territorial parish of Divine Mercy, established by my decree on January 6, 2020, will remain a territorial parish with two church buildings: Epiphany and Saint Mary of Mercy. Father Christopher Donley will be appointed as Pastor of Divine Mercy Parish, effective July 13, 2020. Father Joseph Freedy will begin a new assignment as Administrator of the Grouping of parishes in Bellevue/Emsworth/Franklin Park effective July 1, 2020.

May I share with you that I am nothing short of thrilled by your request and by confirming this new chapter in the faith journey of Saint Benedict the Moor Parish.

Finally, as previously expressed, I very much look forward to coming to Saint Benedict the Moor Church to celebrate Mass on Sunday, July 12, barring any COVID-19 restrictions. Please pray that it may be so.

Grateful for our continued efforts together in being *On Mission for The Church Alive!*, and for our belief that "Nothing is Impossible with God," I am

Your brother in Christ,

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Most Reverend David A. Zubik  
Bishop of Pittsburgh