



DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH • ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

DECEMBER 1, 2019

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



HOPE

Lord,
Make us turn
to you; let us
see your face
and we shall be
saved.

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

WHAT WE HAVE HEARD

If you recall, on Sunday, October 20, we held a town hall type of meeting for all our parishioners. The goal of this gathering was to offer a brief presentation on what has been happening regarding the creation of our new parish, Divine Mercy. Staffers Judy and Michelle did a great job in making this presentation that provided an overview of just how far we have come since our first days as Divine Mercy.

After the presentation we opened the floor to questions and comments. The questions were good ones, which we attempted to respond to, where appropriate. The comments were illuminating, helping us to understand how folks in the pews perceive their new parish.

An Interesting Comment

One thing we have heard from a parishioner is the statement that "St. Philip has been acquired by Sacred Heart." I understand how that may *seem* to be the case, given that some decisions emanating from staff (who are mostly located at the Sacred Heart campus) have impacted operations at St. Philip, for example, the decision to cut back on office hours at St. Philip. The office at St. Philip is now only open on Fridays. Meanwhile, the office at Sacred Heart campus is open on Monday through Thursday. It also *seems* to be the case, given that we still use the names of the former parishes in order to designate which campus or building we are talking about.

However, here is the reality. The two former parishes officially ceased to exist on July 1 of 2017. At the same time, a new parish community was created by decree of the Cardinal.

A Critical Truth

My point in reminding us of this reality is that one parish did not acquire the other parish. Why? Because both parishes were extinguished at the same time. One new parish was the result.

Vestiges of the old parishes can be seen in the new Divine Mercy parish, of course. We inherited all the former buildings, the former staffs, the various direct ministries, the traditions and events, and the people who made up the former parishes. But my point is that, in spite of that, we are essentially something new. Given that we inherited all that was, it will take a good deal of time for us to discover how to be this new parish which we are. Things will continue to change. New initiatives will be entered into. As we do so, we will build on the past.

The Past is the Past

However, we will not be stymied by that past, which is gone. We honor the past but the past cannot define who we are or where we are going because, clearly, "the past" was no longer effective or working the way it needed to in order to advance the mission of Christ in the world.

Those former parishes were both in decline. That is not going to be where we are headed. We have purposely set our sights on a vision which includes forward momentum, growth, newness, and vitality.

The former parishes did not get where they were overnight. Achieving or creating a vibrant parish community at Divine Mercy will not happen overnight.

Looking Forward, Looking Ahead

Everyone in parish leadership that we've talked to who have been in this situation which we find ourselves says that we need to be patient, we need to stay the course, and take the steps, one by one, that will lead to renewal. The first big step has been taken with the operational phase of Renew My Church. We are pretty much done with that.

The next big step is where we are at right now: getting the first season of Alpha under our belt, and then, following that, continuing with more seasons of Alpha as well as beginning to offer formation and leadership



opportunities to laity after Alpha.

So back to my main point. One place has not acquired the other. The only thing we all have acquired is a new vision and a new direction (making disciples, building church, serving others). In pursuit of that vision, we have also acquired, if you will, one another in Christ.

Thank you for your patience as we take this parish into God's future. Thank you for being patient with one another.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS AVAILABLE

Current lectors for Divine Mercy can pick up their 2020 Lector workbooks for the coming year in the vestibule of St. Philip or the Gathering Space of Sacred Heart. Thank you for your service!

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

RESPECT LIFE

That our nation may heed the Gospel call to reform our lives by ending the practices of abortion, euthanasia, and capital punishment, we pray to the Lord.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP

NOTE: NO MEETING THIS WEEK

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS REFLECTION BOOKLETS

Pick up the seasonal reflection booklets at all the exits of the Church this weekend.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

DECEMBER 3rd 7:00pm
ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT
at Sacred Heart School Gym

DECEMBER 8th 8:00am-NOON
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
St. Philip the Apostle Gym

DECEMBER 18th 8am—Noon
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
St. Columbanus Food Pantry
331 E. 71st Street in Chicago

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP FROM OUR SCRIPTURES

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." MATTHEW 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given. You begin to see God's active presence in your life.

POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER



God has entrusted us with His greatest gifts: our life, the lives of others, and so many different gifts for each person. He invites us to make these talents bear fruit with audacity and creativity.



A Tri-Parish Event Brought to you by Divine Mercy,

Ss. Faith Hope & Charity, & Ss. Joseph & Francis Xavier

Saturday, December 14

Ss. Faith Hope & Charity Parish Center

*A Christmas Canvas:
Paintings of the Nativity Story*

with art historian Jeff Mishur

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Festive Refreshments and Fellowship from 2:00 – 3:00; Talk at 3:00 pm

Around the holidays, the images that surround us promote holiday hours and doorbusters.

This program emphasizes images that are central to the meaning of the season.

There is no fee to attend but we ask that you register as space is limited. Registration opens Sunday, Nov. 10. To register, contact Marilyn Valko on mjvalko@yahoo.com or 847-256-3834.

NEXT SUNDAY!!

DIVINE MERCY PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

DECEMBER 8TH, 8AM – 11:30 A.M.

St. Philip the Apostle Gym



Come enjoy delicious pancakes & sausage,
along with Santa,

for the sharing of Christmas lists!

There's also a raffle full of fantastic items
for kids and parents, too!

This family friendly event is a wonderful opportunity to see old friends
and meet new ones alike.

Come One and All!

Tickets: \$7 per person. Kids age 5 & under = FREE.

There's a fantastic raffle, too! Tickets: \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

BRING THE KIDS TO SEE SANTA!



OUTREACH

ST. COLUMBANUS FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED THE WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS: DECEMBER 18



St. Columbanus, the sharing parish of Sacred Heart Church, will have its regular food and turkey distribution on Wednesday, November 27th, the day before Thanksgiving.

Help is needed — make it a family outing! You can pack perishables at 8am AND/OR distribute food at 10am. Come for the entire morning or just for the distribution.

St. Columbanus is located at 331 E. 71st Street in Chicago, just east of the Dan Ryan. **Volunteers meet AT St. Columbanus.**

Dress for the weather as everything takes place outside. Parking is available in the lot behind the school (enter off of S. Calumet Ave.) ,on 71st Street or Calumet.

Questions? Contact Maureen Valvassori at mvalvassori@divinemercynorthshore.org or 847-446-0856.

CHRISTMAS SHARING WITH OUR SHARING PARISHES ST. COLUMBANUS AND ST. BENEDICT THE AFRICAN



This year we are trying to be more consistent in our Christmas Sharing efforts since we now have two sharing parishes.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Stop by the Christmas Sharing bulletin board this weekend in the back of Church to select the last remaining St. Columbanus families available for adoption. Instead of purchasing the actual gifts this year, Divine Mercy families will be asked to donate gift cards to each St. Columbanus family so they can shop for their own family members.

Please drop off your gifts cards in the provided envelope, to the Parish Office at Sacred Heart, BY THIS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6th - the feast day of St. Nicholas! All of the Sacred Heart gifts will be delivered to St. Columbanus on Sunday, December 8th.

Why the change? To enable the St. Columbanus families to select their own gifts and to be more consistent in our Christmas Sharing efforts across the entire parish.

You can still make donations to Divine Mercy Parish towards the purchase of Jewel Foods Gift Cards for each of the families. We ask that your donation be in increments of \$25, as always.



ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Beginning today, take a tag off of the Christmas Tree in the Church vestibule that indicates a particular gift card needed for the St. Benedict the African community. Gift cards in any denomination are welcome, though smaller denominations work better for the people of their community. Christmas Sharing at St. Philip will run through the feast of the Epiphany.

Please note that there will no longer be a toy collection for Catholic Charities. The parish has decided to focus all energies on the needs of the St. Benedict the African community.



COMMUNITY



Our Vicar, Bishop Mark Bartosic, praying with our parish staff for the success of our Renew My Church efforts at Divine Mercy Parish.

Christmas Raffle



Genuine Hand Crafted 12 Piece HOLY LAND OLIVE WOOD **NATIVITY SET** (12"by 9"by8") from BETHLEHEM Value: \$800
each Ticket: \$10 or \$25 for 3 tickets
Tickets Available after Masses, at THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST Dec 8th (draw date) or Call: Rima Abraham at 8474418481 or Text: 847 7361326



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR NEXT ALPHA!

Have you heard the news about Alpha? Come and see what it's all about. The next Alpha begins Thursday, January 23rd at 6:30pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Give it a chance! Come and See.

**PAUSE NETFLIX
TRY ALPHA
#COMEANDSEE**

OUTREACH

COLD WEATHER CLOTHING AND WINTER BOOTS NEEDED

It is cold out there!! What to do with those scarves, hats, mittens, gloves, jackets, coats and winter boots that you no longer need, but are still in good condition? Well, our dear friends at St. Columbanus Parish are always extremely grateful for any of these items. Any size of these items (women, men, infants and children) will be put to good use in the community. Any or all cold weather gear, bagged and tied please, may be placed in the first closet on the left as you enter the outside door from the Sacred Heart campus parking lot. If you have any questions, please email Kathleen Clarke at clarkekathleen63@aol.com. THANK YOU!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/PREP)

So Much to Be Grateful for...

While we normally love to show photos of our families hard at work, we thought it was important to acknowledge the fruits of your labor. All of your donations were gratefully received by Connections for the Homeless — you fed and clothed those who need it most.

They were so touched by your generosity...and so are we. You truly helped make Thanksgiving a season of gratitude. May God Bless You and Yours!



PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
AS WE UNITE TWO JOYFUL TRADITIONS

Christmas Nativity Pageant

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019
9:30 AM IN THE SACRED HEART GYMNASIUM

This is a special pageant, the first time we are combining the best traditions of both Sacred Heart and St. Philip the Apostle to make one pageant presented by our 3rd and 4th grade children.

RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PROGRAM

Blessing Bags, sack lunches, ornaments to cheer the elderly and turkeys for Thanksgiving Day were all part of our service ministry this season.





LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT
SACRED HEART SCHOOL!



It was a school transformation! So much running and so much fun! THANK YOU to everyone that was so generous to help support our incredible school through the Viking Fun Run!



Looking forward to the "Fun Run!"

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon. Dec. 2nd

7:30am Online Early Childhood Registration

Tues. Dec. 3rd

Advent by Candlelight

Fri. Dec 6th

Spirit Wear Day

Dodgeball Party

Sat. Dec. 7th

Catholic High School Entrance Exams



First grade did a fact versus opinion mission around the classroom in search of spiders for science class! Yikes!



LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE - Weekend of December 7 & 8, 2019

SACRED HEART CHURCH

5:00 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Solazzo

Greeters: Ludy Mariano, Claudia Mann

Servers: Volunteers needed

Lector: Samuel Fifer

EM's: Barbara Fifer, Dee Hanlon, Sheila Devlin

Cantor: Saturday Choir

7:30 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Lanza

Greeter: Volunteer needed

Servers: Christopher Essig, Luke Malles

Lector: Trip Lane

EMs: Bernadette Broccolo, Catherine Lehman,
Volunteer needed

Cantor: Bernadette Garza

9:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Lanza

Greeters: Mary Newton, Volunteer needed

Servers: Joe Drehkoff, Quinn Drehkoff

Lector: Mary Newton

EMs: Robert Maganuco, Owen Gardner

Cantor: Bernadette Garza

10:30 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Cassidy

Greeters: Jim Harrington, Kay Madden

Servers: Charlotte O'Bryan, Sullivan Pierre

Lector: Jim Harrington

EMs: Kay Madden, Frieda Baker, A.J. Leonard,
Mary Jo Bushell, Scheduled Deacon,
Volunteer needed

Cantor: Sacred Heart Adult Choir

4:30 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Solazzo

Greeter: Lynn Finneke

Servers: Emmett Levoy, Michael Smylie

Lector: Deb Kubasiak

EMS: James Collins, Dan Hagedorn, Dan Kubasiak

Cantor: Matt Mieling & Ensemble

MINISTERS OF CARE

Lake Cook: Barbara Baisley

Glen Oaks: Mary Newton

Maryhaven / Lutheran General:

Mary Breen, Mary Claps, Maureen Claps, Marilyn Hielscher,
Marty Kearney, Anna Koberda, Michael Koberda,
Diana Scheeler, Tom Carroll

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

5:30 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Semmer

Servers: Volunteers needed

Lector: Dan Seeberg

EMs: Peggy Thordarson, Judy Meade, John Meade

Ushers: Gino D'Egidio, Tom Stegich, Rick Turk

7:30 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Semmer

Servers: Volunteers needed

Lector: Bill Doll

EMs: Jane Clark, Caroline Duppler, Cathy Stegich

Ushers: Joe Pacini, Greg Clingan

9:30 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Semmer

Servers: Volunteers needed

Lector: Steve Thordarson

EMs: Jean Kane, Diana Scheeler, Alison Schroeder

Ushers: Tom Andersen, Patrick Krohn, Gene Nowak,
Fred Steinemann

PLEASE PRAY

For Those Who Are Sick

*The following people suffer from illness or chronic conditions.
They have asked for the prayers of our parish family.
Please remember them to the Lord.*

Mark Agnew, Jeannie Ambrose, Michael Anderson,
Jim Baisley, Dorothy Banas, Donald Blair, Elaine Boback,
Sande Bolan, Paula Brady, Dennis Braun, Wendy Braun,
Luciana Butera, Milly Calabrese, Kierre Caldwell, Patt Carlson,
Patricia Catarello, Teresa Chapman, Kelly Bolan Chevalier,
Sheila Devlin, Tim Doll, Rick Doucette,
David and Mary Ann Duerwachter, Maureen Dwyer,
Timothy Feeney, Reese Felderman, John Flynn, Lisa Franke,
Lydia Gatton, Benjamin Grillo, Philip Hall, Laura Hendricks,
John Hoerster, Nancy Holihan, Mario Iturino, The Jatis Family,
Becky Jones, Philip Jones, Marge Kalsch, Edward Kennedy,
Ginny Kunkel, Gina Quirk Lazicki, Anne Lesniak, John Madden,
Drew Mans, Jackson Mans, Matthew Morgan, Beth O'Brien,
Sally O'Malley, Ennio Rossi, Mary Sabo, Donna Sabido,
Dick Schager, Catherine Scheid, Mary Shepherd, Judy Sokal,
Mary Tatro, Linda Walsh, Julie Wright, Simonne Wysocky,
Lisa Zitella and Dr. Jerome Zwierzycki

For Those Who Have Died

May the souls of the faithfully departed,
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Carol O'Leary Kane

MASS INTENTIONS

SACRED HEART

Monday, December 2

7:00 am-

8:30 am-

Tuesday, December 3

7:00 am-Hilda Vincens

8:30 am-Phyllis C. McNulty

Wednesday, December 4

7:00 am—Special intention for Inés

Gortázar and family

8:30 am- Joyce Ward

Thursday, December 5

7:00 am-

8:30 am-

Friday, December 6

7:00 am –

8:30 am-Lourdes Mariano

Saturday, December 7

8:30 am-

5:00 pm- Coradini family

Sunday, December 8

7:30 am - Anne Madden Zanarini

9:00 am –David Gordon

10:30 am- Joseph Mantoan

Al Fellingier

4:30 pm- Parishioners of Divine Mercy

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE

Monday, December 2

8:00am -Jane Meade

Tuesday, December 3

8:00am- Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, December 4

8:00am – Robert Hutchings

Thursday, December 5

9:30am –Brent Weiland

Friday, December 6

8:00am- Jim Smith

Saturday, December 7

8:00 am-Daniel J. McNamara

5:30 pm-John F. Flynn Jr.

Sunday, December 8

7:30 am-Parishioners of Divine Mercy

9:30 am-Rory Gallagher

THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY

Monday, December 2

Scripture Reflection Group 9:00am /

SH PO

Alpha 6:30pm / SH Parish Center

Tuesday, December 3

Crafty Ladies 9:00am / SPA Convent

Prayer Group 9:00am / SHFR

SHS School Board Meeting 7:15pm

Wednesday, December 4

Alpha 9:30am / SH Parish Center

Respect Life Meeting 4:00pm / SPA

Friday, December 6

First Friday Adoration 9:00am / SPA

Holy Hour 3:00pm / SPA

St. Columbanus Gift Drop-Off

3:30pm / SPA & SH

Saturday, December 7

St. Columbanus Christmas Sharing

Gift Drop-Off 9:00am - 12pm / SH

Sunday, December 8

Pancake Breakfast after all Masses /
SPA Gym

8th Grade Children's Ministry

9:00am/ SH PCR

Christmas Pageant Practice 9:00am /

SHS Gym

8th Grade Children's Ministry

10:30am

SACRAMENTS

Sacraments can be scheduled at either church. Arrangements should be made through the main office at Sacred Heart.

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday—3:00-5:00pm (SP)

Saturday—9:00-9:30am (SH)

Saturday—5:00-5:15pm (SP)

or by appointment

BAPTISM

By appointment. Please call the main parish office or visit our website for the requisite forms.

MARRIAGE

Contact the main parish office 6 months prior to the anticipated date of the marriage.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the main parish office to arrange for the sacrament for the seriously ill and homebound.

DO YOU HAVE A BULLETIN SUBMISSION?

Please adhere to the following specifications when submitting an item for the bulletin. The deadline is Tuesday, 9:00am for the following Sunday.

BULLETIN SPECS:

FONT STYLE: Corbel

FONT SIZE:

Headlines: 12 (ALL CAPS & BOLD)

Body text: 10

LINE SPACING:

Before and After Paragraphs: opt

Between Lines: 1sp

Avoid outlining text boxes, if you can.

Continue to create ads for special events like A Moveable Feast, Oktoberfest or NiteLites. We simply ask you incorporate the Corbel font style when you are able. Please submit all items to divinemercybulletins@gmail.com.

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Fax: (847) 446-8338

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(847)446-8383

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