# WELCOME TO DIVINE MERCY PARISH



We are a Welcoming Community that Inspires
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Congratulations to our First Communicants, their Catechists & Families!



## 2. What's Happening at Divine Mercy

Join Us for the Alpha Reunion!

Thursday, June 1st 6-9pm Parish Center





All Alpha Groups are invited!

Reconnect with your Alpha Group & Make New Connections!

#### **NEW CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**

In response to needs expressed at the last Women's Network meeting, where we heard from several people who are the primary caregivers for older relatives and spouses, our parish is beginning a weekly "Caregivers Support Group." The group will be held on Thursdays from 2-3 pm beginning May 18 in the Parish Center. We hope that this will provide an opportunity for caregivers to take a few minutes to relax and connect with others who share the same responsibilities and concerns. There is no need to sign up or RSVP in advance. All are welcome. For more information, contact Liz McGowen, Lmcgowen@divinemercyparishnorthshore.org or 847-446-0856 ext. 108.

## SPRING IS IN THE AIR! CAN YOU HELP OUT WITH THE PARISH GARDEN?

Plans for our parish garden at St. Philip the Apostle (behind the rectory) are in full swing. As in prior years, we will share the bounty from the garden with the homebound and those on our prayer list.

We are looking for help during the planting and/or growing season, which is a great family volunteer opportunity. If you are interested in joining the fun, please contact Bill Doll at 847.441.5099. Monetary donations also are welcome. If you wish to contribute, place your donation in an envelope marked "Parish Garden" and place it in the Sunday collection basket. You can also make an online contribution via our safe and secure Give Central website by

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## Parent Tot Playgroup

Join other parents for a weekly drop-in playgroup at Sacred Heart & St. Philip the Apostle. All are welcome!

### Thursdays, 9-10am

April 13 & April 27 / May 9 & May 25
St. Philip's, Northfield

April 20 / May 4 & May 18
Sacred Heart Parish Center, Winnetka

Questions? Contact Liz McGowen Lmcgowen@divinemercynorthshore.org

#### PASTOR'S "TO THE POINT"



Last week I was able to meet with parishioner Wendy Gilchrist, whose 18-year old son, Patricio ("Pato"), is in the Shirley Ryan Ability Lab. Wendy indicated to me that Pato would like a visit from his pastor. So I spent a few moments with Pato and his mom late last week. He's getting expert help as he recovers from an accident which impacted his spinal cord.

I mention this to you because I'm asking all of you to pray each day for Pato's recovery. It's going to be a long-haul, according to his doctors. He needs and wants our prayers. Please join me in praying for him and for his family, that he is restored to health and they are given the strength to support him in his journey.

Pato couldn't have been more upbeat and optimistic. He wanted me to share this photo with you of our visit together at the Ability Lab. He is a very brave young man. On this weekend of the Ascension, let us pray for Pato. With the help of his family and doctors, may he soon be out of that hospital bed and on the way to recovery!





## What's Happening at Divine Mercy



Come enjoy an evening out with the women of our parish. We'll share news about some fun upcoming programming, and all attendees will receive a small gift to encourage them to let their faith flourish over the summer!

MAY GATHERING

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Do you have a relative, friend, or loved one serving in the U.S. Military? Please send their name, rank, and branch of service to our Director of Liturgy & Music to be included in prayers at our Memorial Day Mass on May 29, 10 a.m., at Sacred Heart Church.

(rvanasdlen@divinemercynorthshore.org)

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And now we have an alternative - collect them at home and return them to us! We will pass them onto Danielle Cares for Chairs, an organization that collects these bread tags and sells them to recyclers in bulk. The money received is then used to buy wheelchairs for people in need all over the world! Just this past year, Danielle Cares for Chairs collected 1.2 million bread tags - that's over 2000 lbs of bread tags that were saved from the landfill. At the start of 2022, Danielle Cares for Chairs had donated 11 wheelchairs to people in need. Considering it takes at least 260,000 bread tags to buy one wheel chair, that is very impressive!

So start saving your bread tags and bring them to Divine Mercy! Questions? Contact Kathy Handelman at the parish offices at khandelman@divinemercynorthshore.org. Children's Ministry has already started to collect bread tags! For more information, visit www.scarce.org.

#### Introduction to the Liturgy

"I am with you always," Jesus assures his disciples even as he ascends to his Father in heaven. Indeed, he is with us here today: in the Word, proclaimed so that we may be enlightened; in the Eucharist, offered for us and received by us; in the priest, who presides over this celebration; and in each other, as we gather in his name. Jesus promised his disciples that he would not leave them orphans. We rely on that promise today and always as we seek to follow him and carry out our mission.

#### Alleluia!

#### SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ₩ and of the Holy Spirit. R. Amen.

#### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

-or-Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Iesus Christ.

or – The Lord be with you.R. And with your spirit.

#### PENITENTIAL ACT

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Lord Jesus, you are the eternal Son of the Father: Lord, have mercy. **R. Lord, have mercy.** 

Lord Jesus, your presence fills the universe: Christ, have

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Vigil Mass (Saturday 5 p.m.):

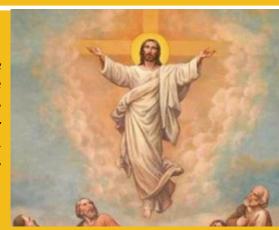
You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; praise the Lord, who ascends above the highest heavens; his majesty and might are in the skies, alleluia.

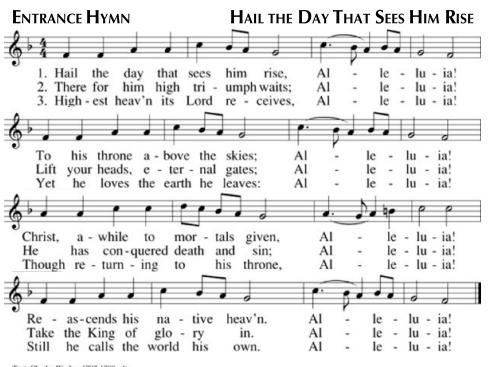
Psalm 68 (67):33, 35

Mass during the Day (Sunday)

Men of Galilee, why

gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia Acts 1:11





Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Tune: LLANFAIR, 77 77 with alleluias; Robert Williams, 1781-1821

#### 4:30 p.m.

#### **ENTRANCE SONG**

#### THE LORD IS RISEN



Text: Daniel 3; Taizé Community, 1984 Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994 © 1984, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent mercy. R. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you guide us home with you into bright glory: Lord, have mercy. **R. Lord, have mercy.** 

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

#### R. Amen.

The Glory to God is sung following the Penitential Act.

#### COLLECT

Vigil Mass: O God, whose Son today ascended to the heavens as the Apostles looked on, grant, we pray, that, in accordance with his promise, we may be worthy for him to live with us always on earth, and we with him in heaven. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. R. Amen.

Mass during the Day: Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. R. Amen.

or Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we, who believe that your Only Begotten Son, our Redeemer, ascended this day to the heavens, may in spirit dwell already in heavenly realms. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. R. Amen.

Please be seated after the Collect.



The Collect concludes the Introductory Rites.

#### TODAY'S READINGS

#### Acts 1:1-11

Today's passage takes us back to the beginning verses of the Acts of the Apostles and sets forth the themes that Luke is going to develop throughout this, the longest book of the New Testament. His major theme is the role of the Holy Spirit, who enables the apostles to be effective witnesses to The Holy Spirit *Jesus.* mentioned 57 times in the Acts of the Apostles.

#### Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

This psalm, written centuries before the life of Christ, directly connects with the narrative of Jesus ascending into heaven. In Jesus's ascension, God takes his rightful place as ruler over heaven and earth. We respond with rejoicing, even as we await this to be achieved in its fullness.

#### **Ephesians 1:17-23**

Ephesus was an ancient city located on the western coast of what is today Turkey. Paul visited there several times. Today's passage, which is near the beginning of the letter to the Ephesians, is a prayer asking God's blessings upon that community. Many thoughts in this prayer are connected to today's feast of the Ascension.

#### John 14:15-21

The gospel reading chosen for this Solemnity of the Ascension is the conclusion to Matthew's Gospel. It does not recount Jesus's ascension (we get that in the first reading), but it confirms Jesus's promise to be always with his disciples.

#### FIRST READING Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

We observe a time of sacred silence to reflect on God's word.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9



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Verses sung by the music ministry.

All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness. For the Lord, the Most High, the awesome, is the great king over all the earth. **R**.

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the Lord, amid trumpet blasts. Sing praise to God, sing praise; sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.** 

For king of all the earth is God; sing hymns of praise. God reigns over the nations, God sits upon his holy throne. **R**.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### 4:30 p.m.



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#### SECOND READING

#### Ephesians 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

We observe a time of sacred silence to reflect on God's word.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





#### Verse sung by the music ministry.

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; / I am with you always, until the end of the world. R. Matthew 28:19a, 20b

#### GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

Matthew 28:16-20

The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

A proclamation — from the holy Gospel according to Matthew R. Glory to you, O Lord.

#### LITURGY & LIFE

The ascension of the Lord ushers us into a week of waiting. Jesus has ascended into heaven and the Holy Spirit has not yet come down. Pentecost is still days away. Times of waiting can often be uncomfortable, yet this unique time in the liturgical year affords us the space to step back with the original eleven disciples and ponder:

What does Christ's resurrection mean for our lives?

How can we carry the hope of Easter into the next season?

The disappearance of the risen Christ today echoes the gospel reading from the Third Sunday of Easter. The disciples on the way to Emmaus only recognize Jesus at the breaking of bread where he vanished from their sight. Christ is no longer present in body but instead remains embodied by an community of believers, sent out to be his presence in the world. In a sermon on the ascension, St. Leo the Great said this: "What was visible in our Savior has into passed over mysteries" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1115), which means that Christ becomes present in the sacraments that we celebrate.

Through each sacrament then we are summoned to witness to the world. John August Swanson depicts through his serigraph *The Last Supper* an example of radical table fellowship that witnesses to the world our compassion and care. In his notes about the artwork, Swanson tells us that the theme of his serigraph is "community, and what it means to share a meal together. . . . It is the table where we come to know and love each other in the breaking of bread, and are not alone anymore."

The focal point of the serigraph is Swanson's round Last Supper table, showing his mind and heart's "vision of a feast of companionship and sharing" where there is "no hierarchy of seating and no one can be excluded from the conversation." But a more intriguing feature of the artwork is the illuminated narrative border of seventy-eight miniature scenes that emphasize the labor of those who grow and prepare the food.

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Please stand.

#### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven (bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. (stand)

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord. R. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

#### HOMILY

#### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Please stand.

#### Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (bow) who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, (stand) suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life ever lasting. Amen.

#### Universal Prayer

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

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#### **OFFERTORY ANTIPHON**

God goes up with shouts of joy. The Lord goes up with trumpet blast, alleluia.

Psalm 47:(46):6 Graduale Romanum

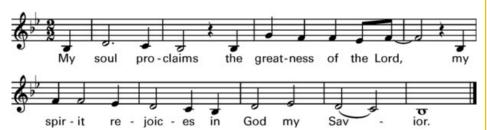
or Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven, alleluia.

Acts 1:11

#### 4:30 p.m.

#### **OFFERTORY SONG**

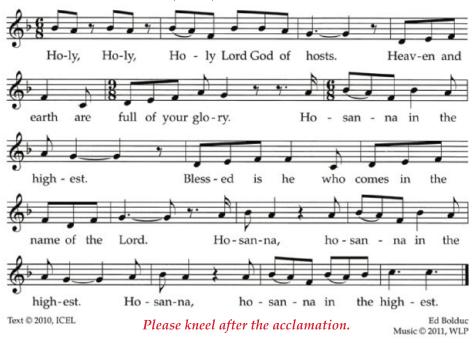
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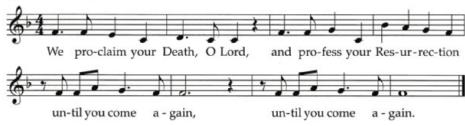
- For he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
   From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
- He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.
   He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit, he scattered the proud.
- He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.
   He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.
- 4. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.

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#### PREFACE ACCLAMATION (HOLY)



#### Mystery of Faith



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## Introduction to the Eucharistic Prayer

Christ has gone before us to prepare a place at the banquet table of heaven. With gratitude and joy, we offer this prayer of thanksgiving.

#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

Please stand.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

#### Prayer Over the Offerings

Vigil Mass: O God, whose Only Begotten Son, our High Priest, is seated ever-living at your right hand to intercede for us, grant that we may approach with confidence the throne of grace and there obtain your mercy.

#### R. Amen.

#### Mass during the Day:

We offer sacrifice now in supplication, O Lord, to honor the wondrous Ascension of your Son: grant, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we, too, may rise up to the heavenly realms. Through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.** 

#### **PREFACE**

The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

**R. We lift them up to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Then the priest prays one of the Ascension Prefaces, afterward we respond singing the Preface Acclamation.

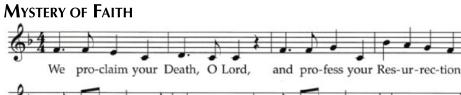
Finally comes the moment for which the last weeks have prepared us. Jesus is going away, at least in one sense: the disciples will not have his bodily presence to which they have become accustomed. He gives them their mission for while he is away: to make disciples, to baptize, to teach all that Jesus has taught. This will be the ongoing work of the Church, work that continues even today. And Jesus does not leave the disciples-or usalone in this work. Many of our Easter Time readings have prepared us for this moment. He remains present in the breaking of the bread; he has promised the Holy Spirit as guide and companion. He is with us always, never leaving us alone, even when the life of faith is a struggle..

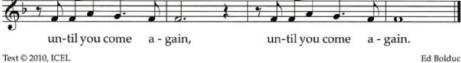
Each of us is called to share in the evangelizing work that Christ entrusts to the disciples here. For laypersons, it is not always apparent how we are making disciples or teaching the faith or leading others to baptism. But opportunities abound and every relationship is a chance to make Christ more present to someone, baptized or not, who might not know him well.



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Often forgotten and invisible are those who make the meal possible, the work of so many other hands. We have the choice at every eucharistic gathering to remember and witness the presence of Christ in his absence. Swanson witnesses the absence by expressing the sacred. He shares this: "As in many of my other works, the sacred is expressed in the ordinary acts we do, in the care that we put into each of the daily activities that sustain us, our loved ones and our community."





DOXOLOGY AND GREAT AMEN



Please stand after the response.

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#### LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

#### SIGN OF PEACE

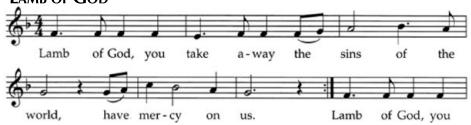
Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

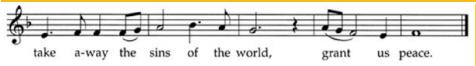
#### R. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with your always.

R. And with your spirit.







Please kneel after the acclamation.

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#### Invitation to Holy Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

#### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

During communion we sing psalms and other songs that express our praise of the Father, our spiritual union in Christ, and our fellowship in the Holy Spirit.

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Matthew 28:30 Graduale Romanum

After communion we spend some time in silent prayer and/or sing a psalm or song of praise.

#### 4:30 p.m.

#### **COMMUNION SONG**

LEAD US



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#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

#### Vigil Mass:

May the gifts we have received from your altar, Lord, kindle in our hearts a longing for the heavenly homeland and cause us to press forward, following in the Savior's footsteps, to the place where for our sake he entered before us. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### Mass during the Day:

Almighty ever-living God, who allow those on earth to celebrate divine mysteries, grant, we pray, that Christian hope may draw us onward to where our nature is united with you. Through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.** 

Mental Health Awareness Month has been observed in May in the United States since 1949. The month is observed with media, local events, and film screenings. Mental Health Awareness Month began in the United States in 1949 and was started by the Mental Health America organization. This year's theme is "More than Enough". National Alliance on Mental Illness states this is an opportunity for all of us to come together and remember the inherent value we each hold - no matter our diagnosis, appearance, socioeconomic status, background or ability.

Saint Dymphna is patroness of those who suffer with nervous and mental afflictions.



Grant, we pray, oh God, that those brothers and sisters who feel tormented by their minds, and betrayed by their bodies, may find their hope in you and in the care of those who love them. Amen.

#### THE MEANING OF "VIGIL MASS"

A "Vigil" Mass has its own special texts—Christmas and Easter are the most obvious examples, but there are others, such as Ascension and Pentecost. The Vigil Mass fulfills the obligation to participate in Sunday Mass, as does an *Anticipated Mass*. An Anticipated Mass, usually at 5 p.m. on Saturdays, uses the same texts as Sunday whereas a Vigil Mass has its own assigned prayers. The terms are not precisely interchangeable. So a 5 p.m. Mass on weekends is typically called an Anticipated Mass using the same prayer texts as Sunday.

#### **MYSTAGOGY**

The Solemnity of the Ascension marks a move from the risen Lord at Easter to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

In the reading from the Letter to the Ephesians, Paul reflects on God the Father's power that raised Jesus from the dead and seated him "at his right hand" (Eph 1:20). This biblical image symbolizes Jesus' share in the Father's power by placing all things in the universe subject to him.

Jesus promises to communicate this power to his disciples in the reading from Acts: "But you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you" (Acts 1:8). The risen Lord makes this final promise on leaving his disciples at the ascension, as Luke records in the opening of his second volume. The Holy Spirit will empower his disciples to "be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of earth" (1:8).



The Gospel reading contains the risen Lord's final commission to his disciples before his ascension. Jesus communicates his power to them for their mission to evangelize the world: "All power in heaven and

on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:19). This mission continues Jesus' mission to bring people into relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit through baptism and to teach them "to observe all that I have commanded you" (28:20). Jesus' final words that he will be with his followers "until the end of the age" (28:20) are a reminder of his eterrelationship with nal proclaimed at his birth (Mt 1:23): "and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us."

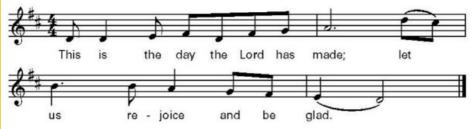
We know from our faith that God's Spirit lives within each of us. By our actions of patience and mercy with each other, we can become God's healing presence in our communities.



After a moment of silent reflection, all stand for the Prayer after Communion, page 11.

#### 4:30 p.m. SENDING SONG

### PSALM 118: THIS IS THE DAY



- Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.
   Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."
- "The right hand of the LORD has struck with pow'r; the right hand of the LORD is exalted.
- I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD."
- The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
   By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

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included in prayers at our Memorial Day Mass on May 29, 10 a.m., at Sacred Heart Church. You may also send him the names of any service member who has died either while on active duty, a retiree, or a veteran of the armed services. Please include their name, rank, and branch of service.

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## THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE LITURGICAL MINISTER ASSIGNMENTS

May 27, 2023 5:00 p.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH
Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza
Sacristan: Ludy Mariano
Servers: Ministers Needed
Lector: Minister Needed
EM: Minister Needed
Song Leader: Carla LaMarr

May 28, 2023 8:00 a.m.

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Presider: Fr. John Kartje
Sacristan: Rima Abraham
Servers: Ministers Needed
Lector: Minister Needed
EM: Dcn. Gerry Keenan
Song Leader: Jenny Farney

10:00 a.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH Presider: Fr. John Kartje Sacristan: Ludy Mariano Servers: Ministers Needed Lector: Kathy Janega EM: Dee Hanlon Song Leader: Jenny Farney

4:30 p.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH **Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza** Sacristan: Ludy Mariano Servers: Ministers Needed Lector: Barb Anderson EM: Frieda Baker

Song Leader: Miranda Farmer

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SAINTS WE CELEBRATE THIS WEEK

St. Rita of Cascais was a wife, mother, widow, and member of a religious community like Elizabeth Ann Seton, Her holiness was reflected in each phase of her life. Born at Roccaporena in central Italy, Rita wanted to become a nun but was pressured at a young age into marrying a harsh and cruel man. During her 18-year marriage, she bore and raised two sons. After her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons had died, Rita tried to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Unsuccessful at first because she was a widow, Rita eventually succeeded. She has acquired the reputation, together with Saint Jude, as a saint of impossible cases. Many people visit her tomb each year. Optional Memorial May 22.

St. Bede the Venerable is one of the few saints honored as such even during his lifetime. His writings were filled with such faith and learning that even while he was still alive, a Church council ordered them to be read publicly in the churches. Although eagerly sought by kings and other notables, even Pope Sergius, Bede managed to remain in his own monastery until his death. Only once did he leave for a few months in order to teach in the school of the archbishop of York. Bede died in 735 praying his favorite prayer: "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As in the beginning, so now, and forever." Optional Memorial May 25.

St. Philip Neri was a sign of contradiction, combining popularity with piety against the background of a corrupt Rome and a disinterested clergy: the whole post-Renaissance malaise. Many people wrongly feel that such an attractive and jocular personality as Philip's cannot be combined with an intense spirituality. Philip's life melts our rigid, narrow views of piety. His approach to sanctity was truly catholic, all-embracing, and accompanied by a good laugh. Philip always wanted his followers to become not less but more human through their striving for holiness. Memorial, May 26.



Though this novena can be prayed any time of year, it is traditionally prayed from the Friday after Ascension Thursday (when the Ascension is not transferred to the following Sunday) until the Saturday before Pentecost. The next traditional time for the novena to begin is May 19 and is prayed daily until May 27.

The Pentecost novena is really THE original novena.

The disciples waited in unity and prayer for the Holy Spirit for nine days after Jesus' ascension to heaven. Jesus asked them to pray constantly in the upper room until the descent of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray: Grant, O merciful Father, that your Divine Spirit may enlighten, inflame and purify us, that he may penetrate us with his heavenly dew and make us fruitful in good works, through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who with you, in the unity of the same Spirit, lives and reigns, God, forever and ever. Amen.

## THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY

#### 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, Loretto Berghoff, Paul Berghoff, Donald Blair, Elaine Boback, Ronald Braun, Wendy Braun, Robert Conte, Jr., John Coyne, Rich Danstrom, James Farney, Julie Felicelli, Mary Beth Fellinger, Lisa Marie Franke, Ermin Garcia, Jr., Patricio Gilchrist, Paul Greco, Benjamin Grillo, Jack Hogan, Sarah Hyde, Emily Jatis, Rick Kehrer, Ryan Kelly, Patti Kotscharjan, Donna LaCaze, Diana Lambert, Gina Quirk Lazicki, Joseph Lee, Susan Lodge, John Madden, Griffin Maks, Rosaleen Mazur, Teresa McNamara, Mike McNulty, Heather Mroz, Beth O'Brien, Joan O'Donnell, Lynn Pattison, Brad Raguse, Judy Rasfeld, Kathy Sarch, Terry Shin, Violet Vanselow, Larry White, and those written in our parish book of prayer.

If you or your loved one needs a Minister of Care or is seriously ill or near death, and in need of the Sacrament of the Sick/Last Rites, please contact the parish office at 847-446-0856.

#### FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

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

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sacred Heart Church:

Saturdays 9 - 9:30 a.m. **St. Philip the Apostle Church:** Wednesdays 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

with Rev. Gerald Cole.

#### **ADORATION**

Sacred Heart Church:

Wednesdays 2 - 3:00 p.m.

**St. Philip the Apostle Church:** Fridays from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

#### **PARISH CALENDAR**

#### May 21, Sunday

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord World Communications Day World Day of Cultural Diversity

• 11 a.m. A Just Harvest Food Service -A Just Harvest (7649 N. Paulina)

#### May 22, Monday

Monday in the Seventh Week of Easter Time Optional Memorial St. Rita of Cascais

- 8 a.m. Mass Sacred Heart
- 7 p.m. Women's Network Gathering -Parish Center Rotunda

#### May 23, Tuesday

Tuesday in the Seventh Week of Easter Time

- 8 a.m. Mass St. Philip
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary St. Philip
- 9:30 a.m. Crafty Ladies JPII Room

#### May 24, Wednesday

Wednesday in the Seventh Week of Easter Time Emergency Medical Service for Children Day

- 8:30 a.m. Mass Sacred Heart
- 2 3 p.m. Adoration Sacred Heart
- 3 4:30 p.m. Confessions St. Philip

#### May 25, Thursday

Thursday in the
Seventh Week of Easter Time
National Missing Children's Day
Optional Memorial of
St. Bede the Venerable
Optional Memorial of St. Gregory VII
Optional Memorial of St. Mary
Magdalene de' Pazzi,

- 8 a.m. Mass Sacred Heart
- 9 10 a.m. Parent/Tot Playgroup SPA JPII Room
- 2 p.m. Caregiver Support Group Fireplace Room

#### May 26, Friday

Memorial of St. Philip Neri

- 8 a.m. Mass St. Philip
- 8:30 a.m. Adoration & Rosary St. Philip

#### May 27, Saturday

Saturday in the Seventh Week of Easter Time Optional Memorial of St. Augustine of Canterbury

• 9 a.m. Confessions - Sacred Heart

#### May 28, Sunday

The Solemnity Pentecost The Last Sunday of Easter Time

#### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUNDAY, MAY 21

8:00 a.m. (SPA) – Helen Carey † 10:00 a.m. (SH) – John O'Brien † and Parishioners of Divine Mercy 4:30 p. m. (SH) – Patricio Gilchrist

MONDAY, MAY 22 (SH)

8:00 a. m. – Tom Forte †

TUESDAY, MAY 23 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Ruth Machowski

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24 (SH)

8:30 a.m. - Jeanne Olson †

THURSDAY, MAY 25 (SH)

8:00 a.m. - Hugh Mulligan †

FRIDAY, MAY 26 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Marie Hagarty †

SATURDAY, MAY 27 (SH)

5:00 p.m. - Stevens-Conway Families

#### SUNDAY, MAY 28

8:00 a.m. (SPA) – Ermine Garcia, Sr. † 10:00 a.m. (SH) – Bob Haring 4:30 p. m. (SH) – Patti Kotscharjan and Parishioners of Divine Mercy

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