



DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH • ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

APRIL 12, 2020

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



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See inside for more information regarding Livestream Masses

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!

Given our new reality, the only way we can truly communicate with our parishioners is through email, our website and social media. We have been sending out important information you need to know, so if you're not receiving our e-blasts, you need to get on our mailing list. They are also mobile-phone-friendly now, so please check them out! Please send Michelle Wasielewski your email address, and she'll get you connected. You can email her at mwasielewski@divinemercynorthshore.org or call our temporary office number: 847-881-6664. THANK YOU!



DO NOT BE AFRAID!

There is enough to be afraid of these days. Fear that we might catch COVID19. Fear that social distancing and isolation will become the new normal without a clear end in sight. Fear that the economy will just get worse and worse. Fear of sickness and death.

Oh yeah, death.

You probably would agree with me that this Easter Sunday is the strangest one we've ever experienced. Easter means celebrating!

This year Easter means quiet. It's a quiet sort of Easter where we only gather with those in our immediate family, the ones with whom we live. This Easter Sunday's liturgy will be observed virtually as we tune in to a livestreamed Mass.

This Easter Sunday, all the fears are still with us which makes this Easter a different sort of holy day, a different sort of holiday.

Consider for a moment that first Easter morning. The women go to the tomb of Jesus to anoint his body; they couldn't do that after Jesus died because of the Passover celebration. They, no doubt, go to the tomb with their grief very present to them, and with many questions: Why did this happen? We thought he was the Christ, the Anointed of God, so how could God allow the Cross? He worked so many miracles, could he not have somehow worked a miracle

to prevent his arrest and execution?

John's gospel reports that when the women arrive at the tomb, an angel descends and rolls back the stone. The guards who are posted at the tomb are "shaken with fear and become like dead men."

The first words out of the mouth of the angel to the women are "Do not be afraid!"

Those words of the angel could very well be meant for us. It's not the first time in the New Testament that we've heard those words. Jesus says them to his disciples several times.

"Do not be afraid!"

What's the worst that can happen to us? It happened to Jesus: suffering and then death. But by the power of God he is raised from the dead. The tomb is empty for a reason, and that reason is the love that puts an end to all the dead ends of this world.

We have nothing to fear because our greatest fear, death, has been done in. Death is now but a transition from this life to new life in Christ.

We'd certainly like our old lives back, the lives we lived prior to this pandemic.

What we will have instead is a *new*

life, a spirited life in Christ. We see glimmers of that new life even now as we deal with isolation and all the fears attendant upon us.

Glimmers of new life, for example, abound in:

- the kindness we show to those around us;
- the inventiveness of those who reach beyond isolation to communicate with family and friends using technology or even old fashioned connections like notes and letters;
- the renewal and strengthening of relationships during this time of sheltering;
- the heroic efforts of health care workers, doctors, nurses, and first responders; and in
- the ordinary care shown to us by workers who are providing for our needs (an ordinariness that is rapidly morphing to "extraordinariness").

Yes, it's a different sort of Easter, an Easter that is quiet.

Even in the quiet, we celebrate.

Even in the quiet, we remind ourselves of the angel's message: do not be afraid!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'F. Stas'.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MEMORIES FROM EASTER VIGILS PAST

Since we are not able to celebrate Easter together physically, soak up some wonderful memories when these parishioners celebrated new life in Christ in the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil. Enjoy!



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

RESPECT LIFE

That the sick may be comforted and healed, and that all who have died may share in the Resurrection, we pray to the Lord.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP FROM OUR SCRIPTURES

"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." Colossians 3:2

On this day, we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and rose for us. We celebrate with joy. We sing "Alleluia!" Let us try to keep the spirit and enthusiasm of the Easter season in our hearts throughout the year – not just on this day and the few weeks to follow. Let us pray and listen for how the Lord is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts in his honor.

PRAY CHICAGO: VIRTUAL PRAYER GROUPS

During these extraordinary times the Archdiocese and Divine Mercy Parish want to offer ways for people to stay connected. All are welcome! Join a small prayer group (15 people per group) that will gather weekly for 30-40 minutes to pray, read and reflect on scripture, offer prayer intentions and share helpful tips/resources. There are a variety of dates and times available. [Sign up here](#) as soon as possible.

FR. STEVE DAILY PODCAST

Each day, you can find a short video from Fr. Steve on our website that includes a scripture reflection on one of the day's readings. Just visit the first tab under the Faith Formation category on our website, or just click [here](#).

ONLINE RESOURCES

WE'VE LAUNCHED A NEW WEBSITE, INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK! Come visit these platforms and engage with other parishioners. Visit [Facebook.com/divinemercynorthshore](https://www.facebook.com/divinemercynorthshore) and Instagram: @divinemercynorthshore. **Share, share, share and like us!**



SCHEDULE FOR LIVESTREAM MASSES

Tune into our website www.divinemercynorthshore.org to view the links for our livestream Mass on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. We hope you'll join us for our weekly liturgy.

You will be able to watch the Mass *anytime after 5:00 p.m.* on Saturday, as it will be recorded.

WEEKDAY MASS OPTIONS

Parishioners have several options from which to choose. Here are three we recommend at this time.

- 1) Daily Mass at 10:00 a.m. from St. James Chapel from the Archdiocesan offices in Chicago. VISIT: <https://radiotv.archchicago.org/television/broadcast-masses>

- 2) Daily Mass from Loyola Academy at 8:00 a.m. VISIT: <https://www.goramblers.org/daily-mass>, and scroll down to Daily Mass.

- 3) Daily Mass with Bishop Barron videos are posted on the Word on Fire website each day at 8:15 a.m. EST. VISIT: <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>

CHURCH & OFFICE HOURS

Our Churches and Offices are closed for the time being, but you can contact all staff members via email, or call our **TEMPORARY OFFICE NUMBER: 847-881-6664**. You can find our email addresses in the back of the bulletin.



E-GIVING

We ask you to keep in mind that we rely on the generosity of those who contribute to our Sunday collections. We are so grateful for you! Without Masses and their collections, we lose thousands of dollars a week of in-pew collections. The collections enable us to minister to our parishioners - even online - and to continue our outreach efforts, particularly our **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR** program. Granted, the world has changed for the time being, but the needs continue to exist, albeit in a new and changing way. Thank you so much for supporting the parish during this time.

You can donate or help us by signing up for e-giving [here](#).

COMMUNITY

ONE OF OUR NITE LITES SPONSORS!



CHANGING LIVES THROUGH MATH!

Interested in a part-time job? Retired, empty nesters, college, Jr. or Sr. high schooler, our math learning center environment is fun, supportive and encouraging. Applicants should have a passion for math, love teaching, motivate students to succeed, and a good understanding of math skills through Algebra 1.

Text, TUTOR to 484848

OUTREACH

OUR NEW LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR MINISTRY

Our new Love Your Neighbor ministry enlists parishioners to virtually connect with our seniors, those who live alone and those in need. These parishioners might need help ordering groceries and supplies, or just welcome a friendly phone call. The ministry hopes to match volunteers with one or two individuals or families. If you'd like to volunteer for this effort, please contact Maureen Valvassori at mvalvassori@divinemercynorthshore.org or call the temporary parish number at 847-881-6664. If you're aware of anyone in need, also contact Maureen with that information, and they'll be added to the list

This ministry also extends our outreach efforts to include three organizations in our community who are in particular need during the crisis. They include the New Trier Township Food Pantry, Connections for the Homeless and A Just Harvest Community Kitchen. Although we are unable to physically reach out to these organizations at this time, given directives by local and state authorities, they certainly would welcome any donations you'd like to make. If you need their information to make a financial contribution, you can contact Maureen, who will assist you. Thank you so much!

FINANCE

EASTER DONATIONS

On this holiest day of our liturgical year, we encourage you to either mail in your donations or donate via Give Central through this link:

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/205/event/4265>

As you might imagine, Easter provides Divine Mercy with significant offertory income. And rest assure that the Give Central site is safe and secure.

Last year, for example, we received just over \$90,000 in collection income for Easter. Of that total, only \$3,200, or 3.5%, was donated electronically. This year, we again set an Easter budget of \$90,000 based on prior giving patterns, and obviously well before this current crisis. If you are able, we are grateful for your continued generous support of our parish during this time. Please

prayerfully consider an Easter gift to Divine Mercy parish.

You can also mail checks to our main parish office:
Divine Mercy Parish,
1077 Tower Road, Winnetka, IL 60093.
Thank you!



Easter Collection

FINANCES AT A GLANCE AS OF MARCH 29, 2020

(Combined St. Philip the Apostle/ Sacred Heart Church Sites)

YTD 2019-2020 Sunday Collection \$770,668

(Online this week \$6,921)

(Received in the mail \$17,783)

YTD 2018-2019 Sunday Collection \$837,576

Easter 2020 Collection - to date \$26,100

Our Goal is \$90,000

COMMUNITY

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: HEARTS POPPING UP ALL OVER

Our patronal feast day is next Sunday. Divine Mercy Sunday is always the Sunday after Easter Sunday. Since we are unable to celebrate our feast day together at Church, we hope everyone will celebrate this special day with us virtually. One way we thought we could do that is through the sharing of our heart. What does that mean? If you have a printer at home, print out this page, gather your loved ones and take a picture holding the heart. By yourself? Attempt a selfie with the heart! Then, post it in a window in your house that can be seen from the street. What if you don't have a printer? Just take a piece of paper and try to draw it as best you can, and use that version. Our hope is that hearts will pop up all over Northfield, Winnetka and Glencoe!

We'd also love for you to send us copies of any pictures you take. You can send them to Judy Pyke at jpyke@divinemercynorthshore.org. We'd love to add them to our website, or Facebook page or our bulletin for Divine Mercy Sunday. We hope you'll participate! It could be a fun Easter Sunday experience for all!



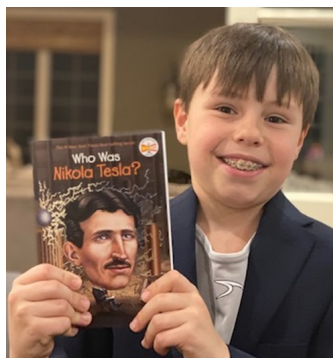
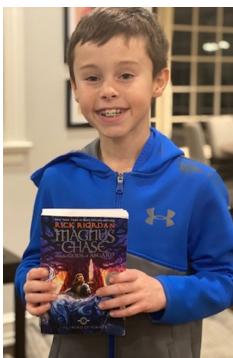


LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL!



Happy Easter! He has risen, Alleluia, Alleluia! While we are disappointed that we can not physically share this most special day together as a parish community in the "church," we remember that we are "Church," we are the body of Christ.

Each day of e-learning has a different theme. We love the engagement from our students!



Pajama Day and show us what you are reading!

Ms. Gomez fully participated in Dress to Impress Day (so did her penguin friend)!



Sacred Heart School students are writing letters to emergency room doctors and nurses at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Thank you to all our healthcare workers, and anyone out there whose job is essential during this time!



A blessed and Happy Easter to all of our Children's Ministry Families



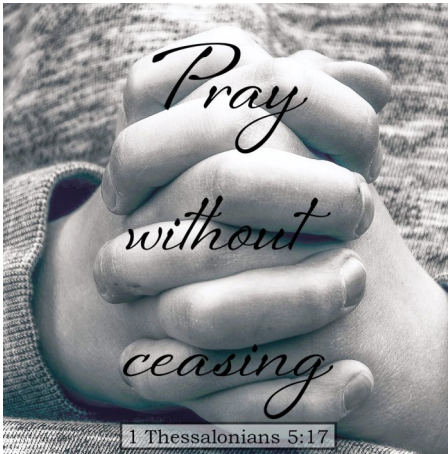
Why the Egg Is a Symbol of Easter

The egg is like Jesus' tomb. It is enclosed, quiet, and seems lifeless. Yet within an egg, the promise of new life is waiting to burst forth. Jesus' tomb was like an egg until early on Easter, when Jesus rose up to a new and glorious life. Because of this rich symbolism, we add beautiful decorations to eggs at Eastertime. Candymakers have added even more richness by creating wonderful candy treats in the shape of eggs.

Some people say that at an egg roll, the egg takes on a different Easter symbolism. They say that the egg stands for the huge rock that sealed Jesus' tomb. When children roll eggs, they are reenacting the rolling back of that huge rock, so that Jesus can come forth once more into the bright sunshine of life.

Source: Pflaum Gospel Weeklies

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY



Lord, we lift up our prayers to you for all those suffering from the Coronavirus, their loved ones, and all those health care professionals taking care of those who are sick.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive you sacramentally,
please come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you now
as if you were already there
and I unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me
to be separated from you.
Amen.

MINISTERS OF CARE

Our Ministers of Care currently are prohibited from visiting Nursing Homes in the State of Illinois. If the Minister would still like to serve in hospitals, they must comply with protocols established by the hospitals.

And due to the fact our Churches are closed, home visits cannot be made at this time. We encourage everyone to tune into the parish livestream Masses found on our website www.divinemerlynorthshore.org.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Note: Please ignore any emails from Ministry Scheduler Pro. It has been technologically difficult to cancel the automatic emails. **Just know that ALL liturgical ministry assignments are suspended until further notice.**

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,
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, 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, Beth O'Brien, Sally O'Malley, Ennio Rossi,
Mary Sabo, Donna Sabido, Dick Schager, Catherine Scheid,
Mary Shepherd, Judy Sokal, Heather Stepan,
Mary Tatro, Linda Walsh, Patty Wilson, Julie Wright,
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.
Bob Carroll, Sr., Father of Jim Carroll

MASS INTENTIONS

All Mass Intentions offered at Sacred Heart Church and St. Philip the Apostle Church for the past and coming week will be offered at the Saturday Livestream Mass at 5:00 p.m.

SACRED HEART & ST. PHILIP FOR LAST WEEK (April 5-April 11):

John Klemmer, Chris Thordarson, Luke Berghoff (birthday blessings), Frank and Teresa D'Astici, Jim O'Toole, Sandra Jaros, Diane McIntosh, The Corodini Family, and Benjamin Madden (Birthday Blessings)

SACRED HEART & ST. PHILIP FOR THIS WEEK (April 12-April 18):

Margery Livingston, John J. Flynn, Jr., Greg Salm, Joyce Ward, Edmund Horsch, Judy Zacher, Katie Madden (Birthday Blessings)

SACRED HEART & ST. PHILIP FOR NEXT WEEK (April 19-April 26):

Mercedes Rooney, Rita Madden, Rowland and Rosemary Hoffman, Joyce Ward, Genevieve Conway, Brian John Blair, Robert Hutchings, and John F. Flynn, Jr.

THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY

All meetings at Divine Mercy Parish are currently suspended until further notice.

The Church is now closed to the public until further notice, in order to keep people safe, per the Governor's "Shelter-at-home" order.

SACRAMENTS

Please call the Parish Office temporary number at 847-881-6664 for the most current information regarding Sacraments during this crisis.

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 Nite Lites. We simply ask you incorporate the Corbel font style when you are able. Please submit all items to:

divinemercybulletins@gmail.com

DIVINE MERCY OFFICES

Given the Governor's Shelter in Place Order, our offices are currently closed. You can still reach us by calling our temporary office number at 847-881-6664.

You can also reach any staff member via email. You can find that directory on the next page.

Thank you for your understanding.

Even when we 'Shelter-in-Place'...
Divine Mercy Parish is a Welcoming Community
that Inspires Disciples of Jesus
to Share God's Love and Transform the World.

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