



## DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

April 4, 2021

EASTER SUNDAY  
OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

He  
is  
Risen!





## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

### EASTER JOY AND WONDER

The very first witnesses to the resurrection of Christ were filled with joy. Who wouldn't react this way initially?

The one they loved and had given up everything to follow, the one they thought had died, was now risen, in their midst. He did indeed truly die. And yet, by the awesome power of God, he was now alive again, never to die, ever.

Joyful would be the appropriate initial response. I say "initial" because I imagine that the resurrection also prompted many questions on the part of those first witnesses.

They might have started with simple questions like "how" and "why"? Perhaps their wondering as they probed this great mystery evolved into other more complicated questions, like "what does this mean for us" or "what does this mean for the world"?

We are confronted by many mysteries in this life. Mysteries are precisely mysterious because in the face of them, we don't have all the answers. Mysteries are dense realities. Mysteries plunge us into the depths. Mysteries are overwhelming.

We are now more than a year into this pandemic. This is our second Easter under the threat of COVID19, and now, its mutations. Last year we celebrated the Easter Triduum in empty churches, trying our best with extremely basic

equipment to livestream out to you.

Our churches are now open for this Easter, albeit with limitations imposed by the pandemic. I write this a week-and-a-half before Easter Sunday. I doubt that as you are reading this we are fully opened with no official limitations. Even if all the limits were to be completely lifted, we would experience the self-imposed limits of a wary and weary population coming out of the bubble, so to speak.

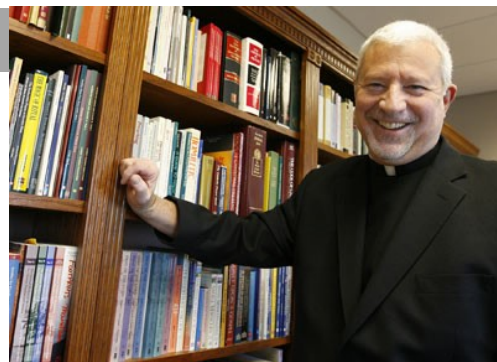
We've had more than a year of constraints and limitations, and more than enough mystery to last us for a while. Why and how did this virus escalate into a pandemic? Why were so many people seemingly so selfish, refusing to wear a mask or observe social distance? There is, of course, the age-old question: why does a good God allow such suffering? The newest question out there is: what have we learned from this pandemic and how can we put into practice our learnings?

Like those first witnesses to the resurrection, the answers to our questions do not come quickly. Indeed, we know from the gospel accounts that the resurrection led to even more mystery, such as the ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit, both of which created a whole new set of questions.

In the face of mystery, we wonder. In the face of the resurrection, we not only wonder, we react with joy. For even if we do not completely understand, we know enough to figure out for ourselves that the Risen Lord brings with him great joy.

Death has been conquered. Sin is vanquished. The great mercy of God opens up for us all sorts of wonderful avenues brimming with life and love.

Love itself, the divine love



that makes all of this possible, presents something of a mystery to us. Oh, but what a delicious, incredible mystery! We modern-day disciples embrace the mystery of God's love wholeheartedly.

We cry out "Alleluia!" That joyful cry is echoed from the heavens and resounds through all the earth!

### REFLECTION POINTS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES

Here are a few questions you may want to discuss as a family, or to ponder as an individual:

As the pandemic restrictions ease up a bit, will you be celebrating Easter differently from one year ago? Does a more expansive Easter this year say something about what is important in life to you as an individual or as a family?

What can you do to spread a little joy to others in this Easter season?

I'd love to hear from you regarding these reflection points. You can email me your thoughts. I may just share in future bulletins what you send me, using first names only. My email is [slanza@divinemercynorthshore.org](mailto:slanza@divinemercynorthshore.org) (and is listed at the back of the bulletin with all the Divine Mercy staff).

HAPPY EASTER, and join us next week for DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'F. St...'.



**HAPPY EASTER!**

## OUTREACH

### OUR OUTREACH EFFORTS

Divine Mercy parish is known its generosity and the numerous outreach partners we do our best to support. Even during the pandemic, we've tried to be creative in the way we serve others. Here's just a **few** things our parishioners have supported in the last several months. (There are several more not listed here!)

#### The Love Your Neighbor Program

Just one year ago, we created this program to connect volunteers with parishioners in need. Volunteers try to connect with these parishioners regularly, run errands and offer notes of cheer.

#### Be A Hunger Hero

Hunger Hero is our most recent effort due to great need at our local food pantries. Each month we collect specific items for the Northfield and New Trier Township Food Pantries. Watch the bulletin and e-blasts for information about our next collection, typically the last Sunday of each month.

#### A Just Harvest

Through the generous donations of Divine Mercy parishioners, we have facilitated a partnership between Three Tarts Bakery in Northfield and our friends at A Just Harvest. Since last April, each month, Three Tarts in Northfield prepares and delivers 250 meals to A Just Harvest. These meals are distributed at A Just Harvest or delivered to clients who are elderly or disabled.

In addition, a group of parishioners collect and deliver day old food items from local grocery stores and restaurants that would otherwise be thrown out, while other parishioners have been sending much needed items in bulk.

#### Connections for the Homeless

Our Children's Ministry Confirmation students have done a fantastic job preparing hearty lunches with notes of

hope and encouragement for clients at Connections. These lunches make a huge impact in the lives of those who otherwise may go without while inspiring hope and joy.

#### St. Columbanus

Our Sacred Heart School Confirmation Students will be collecting re-usable tote bags for clients at the St. Columbanus Food Pantry, one of the largest food pantries in Chicago. Often the clients come on public transportation or walk far distances to the pantry regardless of the weather. These bags will enable clients to safely transport their groceries back home.

Our Children's Ministry Families assembled Lenten Blessing Bags for the pantry clients. These bags contained a prayer intention, note or artwork, as well as much needed items such as warm socks and gloves.

#### Father Paul Foundation

Our friend Father Paul served here while studying at Loyola University. He returned to his native Sri Lanka and has been supporting widows, orphans, and those affected by the civil war and tsunami. We recently had a collection asking for 1.50 a day, the daily cost to support the orphans Father Paul serves and our parishioners lovingly responded!

This coming year we are looking at partnering with the World Vision Chosen Program, Catholic Relief Services and Kolbe House Jail Ministry. None of this would be possible without the tremendous support of many caring parishioners. THANK YOU! What a blessing you are to so many in need.

For more information or to volunteer for any of these efforts, please email Maureen Valvassori, our Director of Outreach at [mvalvassori@divinemercynorthshore.org](mailto:mvalvassori@divinemercynorthshore.org).

## COMMUNITY

### COME BACK NEXT WEEK FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY!

We invite you to join us again next Sunday for our patronal feast day, Divine Mercy Sunday! We'd like to get to know you better, and hope you'll meet other parishioners. You'll learn more about Divine Mercy, and ways you can get connected with us and each other!.

Be sure to check out our website, too. You'll find a special video created to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday which will give you a look at what's been happening at the parish, even during a pandemic!

### DO YOU GET OUR DAILY (SHORT) EMAILS?

Given the current reality in which we live, the primary way we can regularly communicate with our parishioners is through email, our website and social media. You won't want to miss these, as they could include important information related to our parish, the Coronavirus, and what might be happening in the parish that you ought to know.

So! If you're not receiving our e-blasts, get on our mailing list. They are also mobile-phone-friendly now, so please check them out! Please send Judy Pyke your email address, and she'll get you connected. You can email her at [jpyke@divinemercynorthshore.org](mailto:jpyke@divinemercynorthshore.org) or call our temporary office number: **847-881-6664**. THANK YOU!



*Take the next step in your faith journey this Spring*

## Grounded in Faith

*A series of conversations based on the concept of discipleship. All are welcome.*

*If you're looking for a place to start, or you've been on the Alpha journey and want to go deeper, this course is for you.*



**Grounded in Faith** is an informative, no-pressure series where you can come as you are, meet some new friends, and get some of those burning questions answered. The most important part of **Grounded in Faith** is the chance to share thoughts and ideas on the weekly topic, and discuss it in a small group. It's an opportunity to hear from others, and contribute your own perspective in an honest and open environment.

### What it is:

An 5 part series that explores the foundational elements and core concepts of discipleship. We will dive into topics like building a personal relationship with Jesus, letting Him take you from good to great, dealing with mistakes and regret, cultivating a deeper relationship with God through prayer, and more!

### When:

Choose an evening or a morning session: Thursday Evenings 7-8:15 PM beginning April 22nd or Friday Mornings 9:30 – 10:45 AM beginning April 23rd. Runs for 5 weeks.

Invite a friend and attend together if you like!

**Reserve your spot:** <https://forms.gle/usmDCLxN1hmvYUUJA>

*Contact Sue at [slehocky@divinemercynorthshore.org](mailto:slehocky@divinemercynorthshore.org) with questions or for more information.*

## MAKE YOUR EASTER DONATION HERE

Divine Mercy Parish exists because of you. We depend on the donations of our parishioners to help keep the lights on, to keep our churches open for liturgies, care for all of our outreach partners, provide pastoral care for those in need, offer formation programs for our parishioners and help pass on the faith to our young people. And this is only part of the work we do here at Divine Mercy. Can you help us?

You can give directly via our Give Central portal by visiting <https://www.givecentral.org/location/205/event/4265> or by simply clicking [here](#).



## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER

@Franciscus

Happy Easter! May you bring to all the joy and hope of the Risen Christ!



*And for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one during the pandemic this past year, may these words of Pope Francis give you comfort:*

Mary was and is present in these days of the pandemic, near to the people who, unfortunately, have concluded their earthly journey all alone, without the comfort of or the closeness of their loved ones. Mary is always there next to us, with her maternal tenderness.

### RESPECT LIFE PRAYER

That in the light of Christ's victory over death, nations may work together to overcome injustice against all, especially the poor, the weak, and the unborn, we pray to the Lord.

### JOIN US FOR OUR ALPHA REUNION!

Have you attended Alpha? If so, we're having another online reunion and would love for you to join us! Save April 13th at 6:30 p.m. It's just one hour on ZOOM. We'll catch up, do some sharing in small groups and connect with fellow Alpha attendees.

If you can join us, email Sue at slehocky@divinemercynorthshore.org and she'll send you the ZOOM link.

Meanwhile, our current Alpha session will finish in the next few weeks. Keep them, as well as the team members, in your prayers as they encounter the risen Christ!



### MASS INTENTIONS

Would you like a Mass said for a loved one? Just call Megan Nolan at our office at 847-881-6664 or 847-446-0856, and she'll be able to help you.

You can also email Megan Nolan at [megan@divinemercynorthshore.org](mailto:megan@divinemercynorthshore.org)

### WORSHIP AIDS FOR MASS

In an effort to reduce costs at the parish during the pandemic, worship aids will no longer be printed. They will be found on our website, which you can download before you come to Mass or scan this QR code with your smart phone camera to access it at church or at home so that you can follow along.

**NOTE:** all three Masses will appear, so you'll need to scroll to the Mass you are attending.



## FINANCE

For online donations, our Parish uses



Sign up for online giving at [givecentral.org](https://givecentral.org)



Scan the Code  
to Donate!

### PLEASE MAKE A REGULAR DONATION TO DIVINE MERCY

Whether you join us for Mass in Church, via live-stream on our website or our Facebook page, or from the St. Philip parking lot when we have drive-in Masses, we graciously ask you to remember Divine Mercy Parish in your giving.

Your generosity helps us bring you the Mass each week, do the good work of the parish, support our outreach efforts and keep the lights on! We are grateful beyond measure for your support, particularly during this extraordinary year! God Bless You!!

### FINANCES AT A GLANCE

We are not reporting collection information this week, as we are working with our finance council to help provide better information to the parish based on the current situation with the pandemic.

If you are not an online donor and wish to sign up, please contact Cindy Atsaves in the parish office at [cindyatsaves@divinemercynorthshore.org](mailto:cindyatsaves@divinemercynorthshore.org). **If you wish to make a donation via a stock transfer, please contact Cindy as well.**

Thank you for your generosity to Divine Mercy Parish!



## COMMUNITY

### TATTOOS ON THE HEART

Join parishioners from Divine Mercy, Faith Hope & Charity, and Sts. Joseph and Francis Xavier to discuss this excellent book by Father Greg Boyle, SJ, founder of Homeboy Industries, the largest gang intervention, rehabilitation and re-entry program in the world.

#### Tri-Parish Book Discussion



### Tattoos on the Heart

By Gregory Boyle, S.J.

**Mondays, April 19 – May 10**

9:30 a.m. Leader: Pam Coster

7:30 p.m. Leader: Jack Smyth

Join us in reading and discussing Fr. Boyle's best-selling book, *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*. In the book, Fr. Boyle distills his many years of experience working in the Boyle Heights area of Los Angeles, "the gang capital of the world", where he founded and runs Homeboy Industries, a gang-intervention program. There are lessons for all of us in his powerful and poignant stories of universal kinship and redemption.

Contact Pam Coster to register at [pcoster@gmail.com](mailto:pcoster@gmail.com)

By Zoom videoconference. The book can be purchased through any bookseller.



# Masquerade

NITE LITES Raffle

SATURDAY • MAY 22, 2021

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**\$5,000 CASH**

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### MASQUERADE: NITE LITES 2021

Nite Lites is ON and we're selling Nite Lites Raffle Tickets before all the Masses this weekend! Currently scheduled for May 22nd, our 2021 Nite Lites team is seeking donations for this year's upcoming event, benefitting Sacred Heart School. If you have a vacation home, airline miles, gift cards or any other in-kind item you would be willing to donate, we would love to have your help! Perhaps consider supporting our local restaurants or retailers and purchase a gift card to donate. If you are a business owner consider sponsoring the event. We have some great sponsorship packages which are a wonderful way to reach our community and gain exposure for your business. Contact the Nite Lites Team at our new address: [nitelites@shwschool.org](mailto:nitelites@shwschool.org) with questions, inquiries or donations!

#### THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!!

A very big thank you to this year's sponsors: [Chamberlain Advisors](#), [Merrill Lynch](#), [Salvi Schostok & Pritchard](#), [Ryan Building Group](#), The Popovici Family, [Dr. Michael J. Lee](#), [Grace Flatt Realtor](#), [Brady Orthodontics](#), [Figuerora Orthodontics](#), [Storino Ramello & Durkin](#), [City Kids Dental Northshore](#), [Perillo Auto Group](#), [B's Gourmet Nuts](#), and [Coinflip](#).

*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*





## LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL!



3<sup>rd</sup> grade enjoying the great outdoors!



7th grade is learning about cells. The chicken egg makes a perfect model for exploring the selective permeability of the cell's membrane. The tricky part is removing the shell and handling the very delicate "cell". Once the shell was removed, students needed to weigh their eggs before and after submerging them in different types of liquid. They were asked to explain why their cell's weight fluctuated depending on the liquid they were submerged in. It is a terrific way to visualize osmosis and cellular diffusion.



1st grade paints beautiful crosses!



In art class 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is working on their handmade Easter baskets!



**HAPPY EASTER!**



## PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

### **PRESIDER SCHEDULE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**April 10, 2021**

SACRED HEART CHURCH

**5:00 p.m.**

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

**April 11, 2021**

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE  
CHURCH

**8:00 a.m.**

Presider: Fr. Dean Semmer

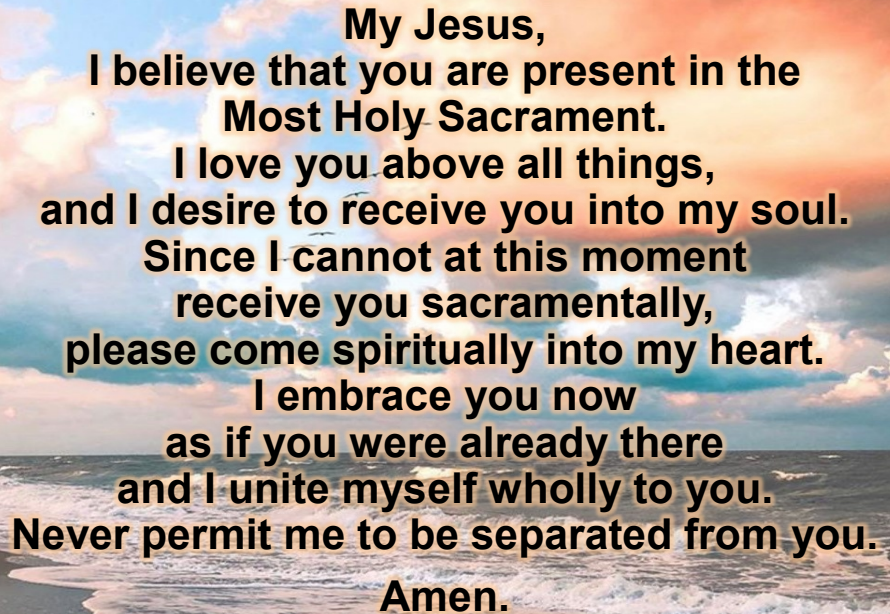
**April 11, 2021**

SACRED HEART CHURCH

**10:00 a.m.**

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

### **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**

Given restrictions of nursing homes in the State of Illinois, the constraints of safety protocols of the Archdiocese, and the fact that the majority of our volunteers fall into the vulnerable category, home visits by Ministers of Care cannot be made at this time. If your loved one 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. One of our priests will respond to your call. Please leave a message!!

### **LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

#### **LECTOR ASSIGNMENTS: April 10 & 11**

**5:00 p.m. Mass** at Sacred Heart Church

**Chris Hartman**

**8:00 a.m. Mass** at St. Philip the Apostle Church

**TBD**

**10:00 a.m. Mass** at Sacred Heart Church

**Kathy Janega**

If you are interested in the ministry of Lector at either Sacred Heart or St. Philip the Apostle, please contact Ron Vanasdlén, via email [rvasadlen@divinemercynorthshore.org](mailto:rvasadlen@divinemercynorthshore.org)

### **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, Donald Blair, Elaine Boback, Dennis Braun,  
Wendy Braun, John Dory, Lisa Franke, Paul Gerlach,  
Paul Greco, Benjamin Grillo, Jack Hogan, Mario Iturino,  
Christine Kengott, Gina Quirk Lazicki, Ruth Martin,  
Sister Peggy McDonnell, Beth O'Brien, Pat Rupp  
and Lisa Zitella

#### **For Those Who Have Died**

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

*Note that the Wednesday Mass currently is closed to the public. Only the Sacred Heart School students are allowed to attend. It may be viewed on our website homepage via livestream.*

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK AT BOTH SACRED HEART AND ST. PHILIP

**MONDAY, April 5 (SH)**

7:00 a.m. - John Flynn

**TUESDAY, April 6 (SPA)**

8:00 a.m. -

**WEDNESDAY, April 7 (SH)**

No School This Week

No Mass

**THURSDAY, April 8 (SH)**

7:00 a.m. -

**FRIDAY, APRIL 9 (SPA)**

8:00 a.m. -

**SATURDAY, APRIL 10 (SH)**

5:00 p.m. - Mary Brault

**SUNDAY, APRIL 11**

8:00 a.m. (SPA) - Deacon John Lucas

10:00 a.m. (SH) - Linda Walsh

## THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY

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

### SACRAMENTS

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

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is offered at both of our worship sites. Sacred Heart Church offers the Sacrament on Saturday mornings between 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. and at St. Philip the Apostle Church on Wednesday afternoons with Fr. Javier Del Castillo from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. And there is no need to make a reservation! We remind everyone to wear a mask, and that you'll be greeted by someone from our reopening team.

Please know that if it has been a while since your last confession, "Do not be afraid!" (Matthew 14:27). *The priest will help guide you.*

**A suggested Act of Contrition is:**

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. (Rite of Penance, no. 45)

## 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.

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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:  
divinemercurybulletins@gmail.com

## DIVINE MERCY OFFICES

*Given the constraints of the pandemic, 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.*

**Divine Mercy Parish is a Welcoming Community that Inspires Disciples of Jesus to Share God's Love and Transform the World.**

**Making Disciples • Building Church • Serving Others**



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