





# DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

February 28, 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



- +LENT+
- †PRAY†
  - +FAST+
- +GIVE+

# PLEASE MAKE A RESERVATION FOR MASS.

IT TRULY HELPS OUR GREETERS AND OUR RECORD KEEPING TO KEEP YOU SAFE! Visit our website (click here) or call our temporary office number at 847-881-6664.

# FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

### A LITTLE BIT OF LIGHT

Through the generosity of a parishioner we are changing out most of the lighting fixtures in the parish offices, which long ago used to be the convent building. The building has held up over the years but the lighting really wasn't the best given that it's no longer a convent but a place where people work.

Footnote: I'm in the office most days. There are a few others. Most of the staff works from home. Meetings are done via Zoom. So we don't congregate together and when the few of us who are on the premises speak to each other we're six feet apart and masked.

Improvements in lighting, like LED blubs, and cost effective fixtures have helped this particular project, I would think. I am deeply grateful to this parishioner for the change in lighting.

The difference was immediately noticeable. My goodness! We weren't really aware of how dreary the office environs were until the new fixtures were installed.

A little bit of light goes a long way! We're no longer mushrooms growing in a dark cave.

We have never been cats (who can see in the dark). We humans need light, and the light we now have in our offices. I am reminded that the first word out of God's mouth in the creation narrative of the Hebrew scriptures—the first command of God recorded in the Bible—is "Let there be light!" (Genesis 1:3)

The third stage of the adult initiation process is called the Period of Purification and Enlightenment" and that third stage is synonymous with the liturgical season of Lent. This third stage leads directly to the Easter font in which adults are baptized.

Enlightenment leads to new life, Risen life with Christ. We believe it.

#### **LET THERE BE LIGHT!**

Those of us gifted with Baptism are meant to be lights for others. We are meant to bring light to the world that all might profess faith in Christ.

### Why?

Because we believe that Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. The Lord offers us a path to heaven, a way forward in this world that will lead us to life on high.

How might we be a light to others?

In so many and varied ways of service and outreach, of goodness and holiness, in sharing and working to build the kingdom of God here and now. I am grateful to our



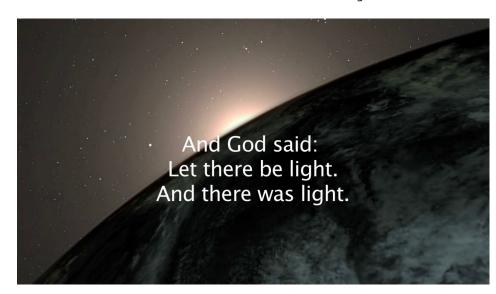
wonderful parishioners who are striving to do just that.

Most engage in this work of the kingdom quietly and without fanfare. Others are a bit more dramatic or public, not because they want publicity, but simply by the nature of what it is that they are doing. Whether the work is quiet or dramatic, it sheds light.

May this Lenten season be a time of enlightenment for us all as we go deeper into the mystery of Jesus, continuing to cultivate a living relationship with the Lord who is, in the words of the Nicene Creed, "God from God, Light from Light."

Let there be light!





### 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

# Grow Your Faith This Lent

Virtual Café for Lent - Six Week Special Series - IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!

Join the Divine Mercy Virtual Café special series designed just for Lent from Ascension

Presents! Small groups will meet for six weeks of community and conversation on the
Lenten Sunday Gospels beginning February 18 and 19. Choose Thursday Evenings
7-8:00 p.m. or Friday Mornings 9:30-10:30 a.m. Register for a small group at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuWrpF9pkl83WdopLQE9PbN74YxPoiDyLviDDZFaZXQAX9A/viewform

Contact Sue at slehocky@divinemercynorthshore.org for more information.

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"Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me!" Lenten Retreat Series from Loyola University
Beginning the week of February 14. Choose the day/time that works best for you:
Tuesday mornings (10:00am – 12:00pm); Tuesday evenings (6:30 – 8:30pm); or Thursday
mornings (10:00am – 12:00pm). This five week series from IPS Scripture School is designed
for the average layperson. All are welcome. No prior academic experience necessary, just
an open mind & open heart. \$55 Fee. For information and registration, visit

www.luc.edu/ips/continuing-education/ipsscriptureschool/.

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Six Weeks with the Bible: Living for a Just Society - Not Too Late to Join!

Mondays beginning February 22, 9:30 a.m. by Zoom videoconference. This is a study of a dozen selections from Scripture which will help us discover God's vision for justice in society and our role in His plans. Book purchase required. Leaders: Mary Slocum and Pam Coster.

Contact Pam Coster at <a href="mailto:pcoster@gmail.com">pcoster@gmail.com</a> to register.

# Refugees - A Catholic Response

Two talks by representatives from Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS) and Lynn Gordon, founder of Madonna Mission in Chicago. Wednesdays, February 24th and March 10th at 7:00 p.m. Catholic social teaching calls us to concern for all people and to justice and mercy. Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS) has been living out this demand of our faith since 1980. Their work is "helping refugees heal, learn and determine their own future."

Contact Pam Coster at <a href="mailto:pcoster@gmail.com">pcoster@gmail.com</a> to register.

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Picturing St. Joseph in European Art: A Special Presentation for the Feast of St. Joseph In this Year of St. Joseph, SsJFX parishioner and art historian Leslie Scattone will do an online program on Tuesday, March 16th at 7:00 p.m. on depictions of St. Joseph in art through the ages, with special focus on European art from the 15th to early 19th centuries.

Register at:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a45aba82da6ff2-saints

# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

#### THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works in preparation for the celebration of Easter. Two important facets of Lent include baptism and the sacrament of penance.

In the early Church, there was an intense, retreat-like period of time during which those who wanted to follow

Christ prepared to be baptized. Over the centuries, this period of time came to be called Lent. Today, we recall our own baptism, and journey with those who will complete their initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Lent is a wonderful time to pray for those who are preparing to enter the Church at Easter.

The sacrament of penance (or reconciliation) is God's gift to us so that we may be reconciled to God and the people of God, the Church, especially during the season of Lent. The sacrament of reconciliation is offered every Wednesday at St. Philip the Apostle from 3:00 - 4:30pm, and every Saturday morning at Sacred Heart from 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.



#### 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.



# IT'S BE A HUNGER HERO WEEKEND!

Hunger Hero is our most recent effort due to great need at our local food pantries. Each month we are collecting specific items for the Northfield and New Trier Township Food Pantries.

Today's needs: February 28th

St. Philip: 8 - 10 a.m.

Collection Boxes will be located in the back of church.

Needed Items:
coffee/tea
canned tuna

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Sacred Heart: 4:30-6:00 p.m. SAT AND 9:30a.m. - Noon SUN

Collection Boxes will be located in the back of church.

Needed Items:

kleenex oatmeal pasta sauce

Questions? Want to volunteer to deliver items to the pantries? Contact Maureen Valvassori at

mvalvassori@divinemercynorthshore.org



# **FINANCE**





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. 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!

# PRAYER AND WORSHIP: A LITTLE HISTORY FROM DEACON MIKE McNULTY

Note: A work of art was recently re-installed in Sacred Heart Church in the east arch of the sanctuary. Deacon Mike McNulty shares his memories of this piece of art.

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Shortly before we began the renovation of Sacred heart Church during the pastorate of Father Bob Ferrigan, I received a call from Joseph O'Connell. He is the artist who was engaged by then Pastor, Monsignor Reynold Hillenbrand, to create the Vine and the Branches that highlights the back wall of the sanctuary, as well as the Baptismal and Holy Water Fonts, and what was originally the face of our Ambo, which has now been installed in the east arch of the church. It is a representation of Christ the Teacher and the Four Evangelists; Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. He had heard we were about to renovate the church and wondered what was to become of the work he had created. I assured him that the committee of parishioners working with the Pastor, had designated all of his work as treasures of the church and that all would be retained.



Monsignor Reynold Hillenbrand's father was a dentist and all of the O'Connell family were his patients. Msgr. Hillenbrand, had been Rector of our seminary at Mundelein, and was quite well known nationally for his work with many apostolates such as Young Christian Students, Young Christian Workers, the Christian Family Movement, and also for his work in liturgical reform which came to fruition in the

Second Vatican Council. He was a proponent of the laity actively participating in their faith and being witnesses to that faith in the world. He wanted them to be active participants in the liturgy as well. This was at a time when Mass was said in Latin, with the priest facing the altar with his back to the people. Basically, we were silent witnesses to the mystery of bread and wine becoming the body and blood of Christ. All that was soon to change, and Hillenbrand was one of the reasons it happened. He became the Pastor of Sacred Heart when Fr. Haarth, the founding Pastor, died. Five years before the Second Vatican Council, Msgr. set about renovation of the church, pulling the altar out from the wall and saying Mass facing the people. He taught the parishioners Gregorian chant and we became active participants.

On the day Joseph O'Connell called, he told me this story. When he was commissioned to create art for Sacred Heart, he was the proverbial starving artist, living in a rooming house in Chicago. His landlady had a brother, Muggsy Spanier, a jazz trumpeter at the Blue Note in downtown Chicago. One day a week the Blue Note was closed because alcohol could not be sold on Sundays. Muggsy would come to his sisters for dinner on Sundays and Joseph, who played a little saxophone would jam with Muggsy. It turned out that when Muggsy was a student at Holy Name Cathedral grammar school, the nuns were trying to channel his energy into constructive pursuits, and recognizing his musical









talent, steered him in that direction. Muggsy wanted to play piano, but having only three fingers on one hand resulted in the nuns buying him a trumpet which, of course, has only 3 valves. When Joseph O'Connell designed our Baptismal Font he rendered the Angel Gabriel blowing his horn on the side of the font, and the Angel has only 3 fingers. It was his tribute to his friend Muggsy. I asked what Msgr. thought about a 3 fingered angel, and he said: "He never noticed and I never told him". I think Msgr. would have loved it. A three fingered angel, it seems to me, is a metaphor for the human imperfection made whole by the sacraments.

We invited O'Connell to come for the rededication of the church upon completion of the renovation. He declined, and we later learned he was dying of cancer. After his death we learned the 3 fingered angel was a bit like a painter signing his work. He had also created statues of the four evangelists and the fingers on the statues were the four numerals in the street address of the church where they were installed. I treasure a book entitled: Divine Favor: The Art of Joseph O'Connell

# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

# **RESPECT LIFE PRAYER**

That as the apostles saw the glory of God in Jesus, we too may see that every human life, even when frail and feeble, is a reflection of God's glory, we pray to the Lord.

# PRAY FOR OUR ALPHA PARTICIPANTS!

Please pray for all those participating in our Alpha series, including the Alpha Team members! Come Holy Spirit and bless these people who seek to know Jesus!

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# A Jubilant 2021? You Bet!



Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson of Old St. Pat's

Saturday, March 13, 2021 11am - Noon

From Your Car (by tuning into FM 95.7)
St. Joseph's School Parking Lot
NE Corner of Lake & Ridge in Wilmette.

Please join from the comfort of your car to learn about ways to make this year jubilant whilst in the midst of a pandemic!

# COMMUNITY

# MASQUERADE: NITE LITES '21

Nite Lites is ON! 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:

<u>nitelites@shwschool.org</u> with questions, inquiries or donations!

A very big thanks to our sponsors:
Chamberlain Advisors,
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Ryan Building Group,
The Popovici Family,
Dr. Michael J. Lee, Grace Flatt Realtor,
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Storino Ramello & Durkin,
City Kids Dental Northshore
Perillo Auto Group; B's Gourmet Nuts
and Coinflip.



# DO YOUR TEENS LOVE TECH? WE COULD USE THEIR HELP WITH LIVESTREAMING!

We're looking for help with our livestream Masses. If you'd like to assist us by operating the cameras and audio at either one of our churches, we'd happily train you! This may be perfect for teens, too!

Contact Michelle Wasielewski at 847-881-6664 or mwasielewski@divinemercynorthshore.org.



# 2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL:

# COME, FOLLOW ME AND BRING HOPE TO THE WORLD

Our parish is conducting our campaign for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The Annual Catholic Appeal theme, "Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world," was selected because as disciples of Jesus, we follow the Master who both gives us hope and sends us to bring his hope to our world that needs it so much.

Each pledge makes a difference! All parishes communities participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our parishes, schools and ministries to deliver needed services. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

To make your gift, you can complete the mail-in giving envelope available at church or make a gift online at http://annualcatholicappeal.com.

Online giving forms are also available at: www.annualcatholicappeal.com

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/PREP)

# Blessing Bags, Music Ministry, Youth Alpha Retreat and More!

A big thank you to the families that participated -- 175 Blessing Bags were delivered to the St. Columbanus Food Pantry on Ash Wednesday and the additional ones received will be distributed weekly. Divine Mercy parishioner Kathleen Clarke shared:

"I just wanted to let everyone know that the Blessing Bags were a huge hit today! The food pantry clients were really excited to see these goodie bags with many new and necessary items inside. Huge smiles were seen and many loved the handwritten cards tucked inside, too. There were a lot of them - yay!!

What a wonderful way to begin Lent! Fr. Matt (Pastor of St. Columbanus) was appreciative as always...I just wanted to let you know what an extra special Ash Wednesday it was for so many. "

Pope Francis has encouraged us to find random acts of kindness during these Lenten 40 days. The Blessing Bags are one indeed! Some of our Children's Ministry students sent photos of the prep process (see below). Thank you Riley, Attilio and Wesley. Great work!

Other highlights of the weekend:

- Sacred Heart School Music Teacher Jon Comstock led the 1st graders in a Zoom Music Ministry session. We danced to a video and sang great songs, including "I've Got Peace Like a River". Thanks Jon!
- The 7th Graders attended the Holy Spirit Retreat on Zoom, learning about how the "Holy Spirit fills our hearts with the love of God." Many thanks to all the catechists and Sue Lehocky for leading our retreat.

See you all on Sunday, March 7 for our next session and the 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat — all on Zoom!

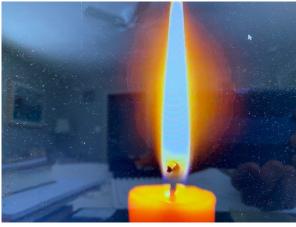












# SACRED HEART SCHOOL



# LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL!









1st grade finished their unit on the past and present with a presentation of their family trees.

The  $\operatorname{3}^{\operatorname{rd}}$  graders made a Lenten Reminder Chart in religion class.



on their geologist caps to explore how minerals are formed. Some minerals are formed through crystallization of solutions. 6th grade students demonstrated how to form crystal structures through the cooling down of a supersaturated

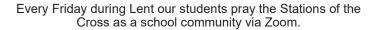


salt solution. The results were some really creative and beautiful crystals that were augmented by the artistic design of the student's base structure they made with pipe cleaners.



10th Station
Jesus is stripped of his
clothes

We adore you O Christ and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.





The kindergartners have been very crafty lately making owls for the letter "O" and George Washington hats for Presidents' Day!





# PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

# PRESIDER SCHEDULE

March 6, 2021 SACRED HEART CHURCH 5:00 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

March 7, 2021 ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

8:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

March 7, 2021 SACRED HEART CHURCH 10:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Dean Semmer

# 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 the various restrictions of nursing homes in the State of Illinois, the constraints of established 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 or 847-881-6664. One of our priests will respond to your call. Please leave a message!!

# LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### LECTOR SCHEDULE

March 6, 2021 Sacred Heart Church 5:00 p.m. Deb Kubasiak

March 7, 2021 St. Philip the Apostle Church 8:00 a.m. Liz Harvey

March 7, 2021 Sacred Heart Church 10:00 a.m. Ludy Mariano

If you are interested in the ministry of Lector at either Sacred Heart or St. Philip the Apostle, please contact Ron Vanasdlen, via email rvanasdlen@divinemercynorthshore.org

If you are able to assist our Greeter ministry, please contact Michelle Wasielewski via email mwasielewski@divinemercynorthshore.org

No other ministers are being scheduled. If you get an email from Ministry Scheduler Pro, please disregard it.

# **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, Robert Erzinger, Lisa Franke,
Paul Greco, Benjamin Grillo, Jack Hogan, Mario Iturino,
Christine Kengott, Gina Quirk Lazicki, Ruth Martin,
Sister Peggy McDonnell, Beth O'Brien,
Quinn Stepan, and Lisa Zitella

# For Those Who Have Died

May the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Katherine (K) Maloney** 

# **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, March 1 (SH) 7:00 a.m. - Ginna Corts

TUESDAY, March 2 (SPA) 8:00 a.m. - Edward Mackowski

WEDNESDAY, March 3 (Closed to the public) 8:30 a.m. - Special Intention for Robert

Erzinger

THURSDAY, March 4 (SH) 7:00 a.m. - John Flynn

FRIDAY, March 5 (SPA) 8:00 a.m. -

**SATURDAY, March 6 (SH)** 5:00 p.m. - Frank & Teresa D'Astici

SUNDAY, March 7 8:00 a.m. (SPA) - Edward & Fr. George Klein

10:00 a.m. **(SH)** - Joan Haring & Parishioners of Divine Mercy

# 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 quide 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.

### **BULLETIN SPECS:**

FONT STYLE: Corbel

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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:

divinemercybulletins@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

# **PARISH STAFF**

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