



## DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

JUNE 21, 2020 TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Thank You  
Fr. Mike,  
God's faithful, loving &  
humble servant!  
We wish you  
all God's blessings  
in your retirement!

See our website for  
Mass Reservations:  
[www.divinemercynorthshore.org](http://www.divinemercynorthshore.org) or  
call the parish office at 847-881-6664.

Join Our Streaming Mass online Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

### HEARTFELT FAREWELLS

This weekend Father Mike Solazzo bids us farewell. Usually we would host a reception for a departing priest, but the pandemic makes that impossible. Instead, this Saturday will see a car parade passing by the front of St. Philip the Apostle church in honor of Father Mike from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.. Then Father Mike will celebrate the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart church. Hopefully our streaming equipment will cooperate this weekend so that we have a smooth transmission of this farewell Mass. This weekend is Father Mike's last working days in the parish. He rides off into the sunset of retirement on Monday, June 22. We wish him all the best and lots of relaxation. While he won't stop being a priest, he will no longer have an active assignment from the Archdiocese. Enjoy your retirement, Father Mike!

I asked Father Mike to write a little something for the bulletin. His reflection is found opposite.

I mention plural farewells. Long-time parishioners, Greg and Joan Grodecki are moving out of the parish, in fact, moving out of the state. Like so many others, they are heading south. I asked Greg, also a longtime member of the parish council, to reflect for us on their departure. Here's his reflection —

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Being part of the Sacred Heart / Divine Mercy parish for these many years, Joan and I are moving to the Carolinas to be closer to our children.

When we moved to Winnetka in 1985, we had been somewhat 'fallen away' Catholics, though Joan growing up on the North Shore, had a special fondness for Sacred Heart Parish. I had joined the choir and the Men's Club. Joan insisted that the children attend Sacred Heart school which further

strengthened our family's faith. From this, we experienced a reflection of God's Love from many of the parishioners we encountered, which in turn, caused us to be even more active in our faith and parish.

Having six children, so many times did we receive from nowhere, a knock at the door with meals, babysitters, car rides and other favors during times of birth or illness from the wonderful generosity of our fellow parishioners.

Throughout these years, we always felt a very strong presence of the Holy Spirit in this community. We later realized that strong presence is due to the community's acceptance of the Holy Spirit. Divine Mercy Parish will always be in our prayers."

Greg and Joan Grodecki

### THANKS

Thank you to Kathy Janega-Keenan for stepping up when the WiFi went out in the sacristy, causing us to be unable to stream the 5:00 Mass this past weekend. Kathy whipped out her iPad and recorded the Mass on the spur of the moment. Thanks to Ron, our Director of Liturgy and Music, who then took the recording and uploaded it to Vimeo that evening so that we were able to post the Mass to the website on Sunday. Technology! When it works, it works. When it doesn't.

### ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNERS

Great News!

We have four students who have volunteered for years in our Children's Ministry program. They have served as catechists and catechist aides. They are a huge help to our catechists and the children think it is wonderful to



have high schoolers in their sessions. These four students – graduating seniors **Noah Lolli** and **Lauren Hering** and rising seniors **Audrey Lolli** and **Luke vonKapff** -- have received the prestigious Youth Leadership Award from Bishop Bartosic of Vicariate II of the Archdiocese of Chicago. (Our parish is within Vicariate II.)

The award recognizes the outstanding ministry and service performed by our youth in Vicariate II. "For 20 years we have celebrated, acknowledged, and affirmed the outstanding youth leaders of our parishes and high schools," said Brian Romer Niemiec, Lifelong Formation Coordinator of Vicariate II. "These are youth who shine brightly in our parish, school, and local communities."

Please join me in congratulating Noah, Lauren, Audrey and Luke for receiving this well-deserved award!



**Noah, Lauren, Audrey & Luke**



## THE PASTOR'S PEN (CONT'D)

### FATHER MIKE'S FAREWELL NOTE TO YOU ALL

Dear Friends,

For the past three years, I have had the privilege of being on the pastoral staff of Divine Mercy Parish. In 2017, I was asked to be the administrator for St. Philip Parish in Northfield while it went through the Renew My Church process.



From the very beginning, I was received with open arms and a most warm welcome. St. Philip soon felt like home to me.

In 2018, we began the merger of St. Philip and Sacred Heart churches to eventually become Divine Mercy Parish. This has been a time of great change, an opportunity for growth, and a demonstration of how much God asks us to trust in His plan for us. While it has not always been a smooth



or easy road, it has been path that has lead to enlightenment, a clearer understanding of who we are as the people of God. I am so grateful to have been a part of this journey.

Three years ago, I knew this would be my last stop, so to speak, in my priestly ministry. The past 44 years of priesthood have been both a blessing and gift, even in the difficult times. Now with retirement on the horizon,

we stand in the midst of two viruses which have caused much confusion, uncertainty, pain, and even death for many. The first virus is the invisible one, the coronavirus. It has



forced us to re-examine our lives, how we relate to one another, and what we must do to move forward as we strive to take care of one another.

The second virus is, sadly, the all too visible one of racism and hatred in our country and in our world. This virus, too, has altered our lives and forced us to take a deep look at ourselves and our society and ask the hard questions of how we can change, and change we must. This racism virus has been with us since the inception of our country and the sin of slavery. The 1960's gave us a glimmer of hope that we just might be ready for change. But sadly, that hasn't yet really happened. We still have a long way to go.

As I leave Divine Mercy Parish and embrace retirement, I do so with a heart full of gratitude for all you have done for me and

given to me. I will take that with me. I hope in some small way I have done that for you. I pray that God will continue to watch over and bless this great Parish of Divine Mercy and help us all to become great agents of this mercy for our world. Only that will make things change. Together we can do this.

Be strong, keep the faith, and God bless you all. I leave you with the words of one of my favorite songs from the Canadian songwriting team of Ian and Sylvia Tyson-"Four Strong Winds". Four strong winds that blow lonely, seven seas that run high, all these things that don't change come what may. But our good times are all gone, and I'm bound for moving on. I'll look for you if I'm ever back this way. Four strong winds, four strong winds.

Love,  
Fr. Mike



## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### WEEKDAY MASS BEGIN THIS WEEK / MASS RESERVATIONS

You can make a reservation for one of the two weekend Masses at Divine Mercy on our website at <https://www.divinemercynorthshore.org/make-a-reservation-for-mass.html>, or if you do not have access to a computer, call our temporary office number at 847-881-6664.

Currently there is a Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church (the livestream Mass), which accommodates 80 attendees, and a Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Philip the Apostle Church which accommodates 100 attendees.

Keep in mind that the dispensation from attending Mass is still in effect per the Archdiocese of Chicago.

**We will also begin offering weekday Masses this week.** The schedule is as follows:  
Monday - 7:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart  
Tuesday - 8:00 a.m. at St. Philip  
Thursday - 7:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart  
Friday - 8:00 a.m. at St. Philip.  
Note, there is no Mass on Wednesday or Saturday mornings.

Please note each of these Masses will be limited to 50 attendees, and you must make a reservation to attend these Masses as well. You'll find the sign up on the same website page noted above. If you do not have access to a computer, you can call our temporary office

number at 847-881-6664.

Reservations are also required to attend private prayer at Sacred Heart on Wednesdays from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart or private prayer and adoration at St. Philip on Friday mornings from 9 - 10:00 a.m. You can also reserve a place for these opportunities on the same webpage or call our temporary office number at 847-881-6664.

**Note:** You do not need to make a reservation for Confession. It is available on Saturday mornings from 9—9:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart, and Fr. Javier Del Castillo, OP returns to St. Philip on Wednesday afternoons from 3-4:00 p.m. to hear confessions.

## COMMUNITY

# THANK YOU FATHER MIKE!

**We are so grateful for the gift of your Priesthood  
and your time with us here at Divine Mercy Parish.  
We wish you every happiness in your retirement  
and all God's blessings!**

**Do you have a card for Fr. Mike? Just send it to the Parish Office,  
and we'll make sure it gets to him!**



## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### BISHOP BARRON'S SERIES THE SACRAMENTS

In honor of their 50th wedding anniversary, parishioners Edward and Rima Abraham have gifted Divine Mercy Parish a copy of Bishop Robert Barron's new video series "The Sacraments" for which we are very grateful. They are very hopeful that many of our young parents might be interested in viewing this series with their families. If you'd like to borrow the copy from the parish for a few days to view the video, please contact Kathy Handelman, our Coordinator of Children's Ministry, at [khandelman@divinemercynorthshore.org](mailto:khandelman@divinemercynorthshore.org) or call our temporary parish number at 847-881-6664. Thank you Ed and Rima for your wonderful gift to the parish!

### RESPECT LIFE PRAYER

That God, who rescues the life of the helpless, may enable us to rescue children from abortion, the sick from euthanasia, the criminal from capital punishment, and the poor from starvation, we pray to the Lord.

### POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER



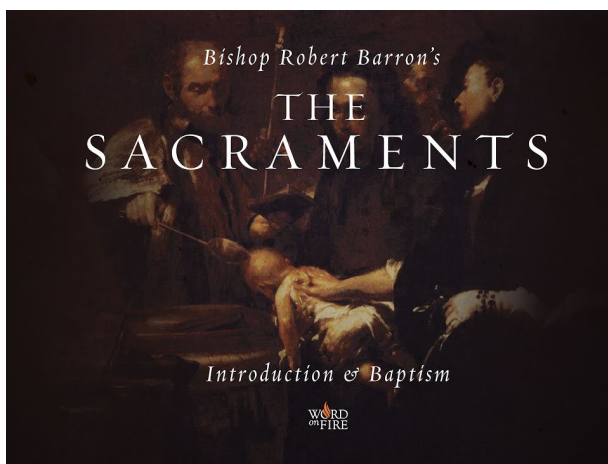
Our principle of unity is the Holy Spirit who reminds us that above all we are God's beloved children. He comes to us, in our differences and difficulties to tell us that we have one Lord, Jesus, and one Father. For this reason we are brothers and sisters!

### ONLINE GRIEF GROUPS NOW AVAILABLE

Are you someone who lost a loved-one recently, and have not been able to mourn them properly given the constraints of social distancing during this pandemic? If so, the Archdiocese has created a series of online grief support groups that may be of interest to you.

Each online grief group consists of a small group of adults (18 years of age or older) who have lost a family member or a friend. In the absence of our usual in-person parish life, these online grief groups are places to share stories and feelings with others who have also experienced loss.

Their online grief group facilitators are not counselors and do not give advice, but they will be present to listen and to guide each grief group in prayer and discussion. As Jesus comforted Martha and Mary after the death of their brother, Lazarus, a grief group is a place of comfort in our tradition. If you have experienced loss and are interested in joining a group, please sign up [here](#). You can also visit this page on the Archdiocesan website at <https://www.archchicago.org/coronavirus/online-grief-groups>.



### CHURCH & OFFICE HOURS

Our Offices remained closed, and the Churches are only open during designated times for Masses, Confessions, private prayer and adoration. All but Confessions require a reservation, which you can make on our website. Just visit [www.divinemercynorthshore.org](http://www.divinemercynorthshore.org), and click on Make a Reservation for

Mass at either Sacred Heart Church or St. Philip the Apostle Church. You'll also learn all you need to know about attending Mass at this time.

The dispensation from attending Mass is still in place per the Archdiocese of Chicago, so you may tune into our streaming Mass on Saturday evenings at 5:00 p.m. on

our website homepage. Just scroll down to "Worship With Us" and hit play.

Have questions? 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.



## COMMUNITY



### Bridge to Math Success – Mathnasium@home

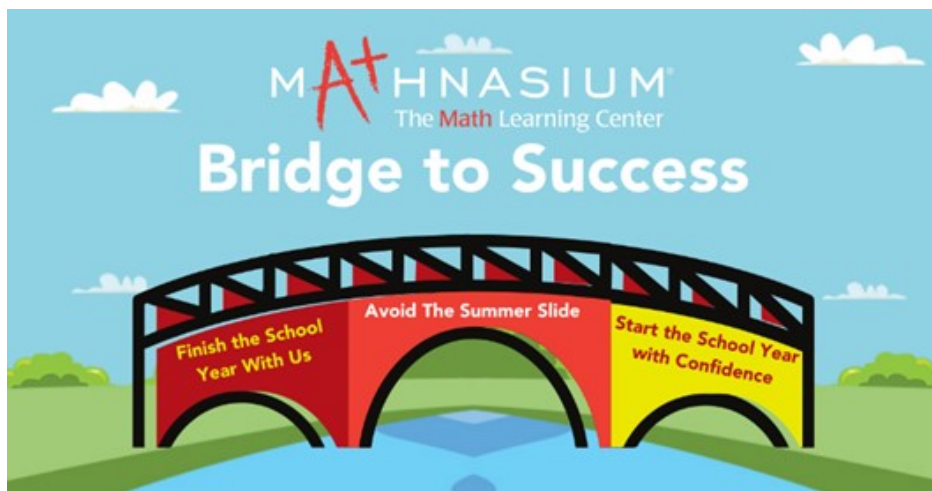
Mathnasium@home is ready to support students during this vital time with customized learning plans and individualized instruction. While we see a slide every summer, a

recent study conducted by NWEA says the impact to student learning is expected to be more devastating for kids! According to the study, if students return to school campuses in the fall without continuity of instruction, they could retain only 70

percent of their reading progress. And Math looks worse with students projected to lose anywhere from half of their academic growth from the last year!

Let us build that bridge to success getting ready for the next school year. With Mathnasium@home, your child is sitting 'live' with our math experts using individualized instruction and our renowned customized learning plans. Our in-center success has been replicated to assure that each child advances in their math learning journey at the pace they need to maximize their growth –helping kids stay on grade level and even getting ahead through this crisis.

<https://www.mathnasium.com/at-home/winnetka>



If you need to reach us at the parish, we have a temporary phone number during this shut down period.

**Call us at  
847-881-6664.**

## FINANCE

Our Parish uses



**give central**  
for online donations

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

### FINANCES AT A GLANCE AS OF JUNE 14, 2020

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

YTD 2019-2020 Sunday Collection \$942,214

(Online this week \$21,203)

(Received in the mail \$3,585)

YTD 2018-2019 Sunday Collection \$1,022,401

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).

Thank you for your generosity to Divine Mercy Parish!

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/PREP)

### *Meet Our Awesome Youth Leaders!*

Each year Vicariate II of the Archdiocese of Chicago recognizes Youth Leaders "whose outstanding ministry and service" have contributed greatly. Our youth leaders have all volunteered in our Children's Ministry program as catechists and catechist aides. They have served at least two years and their presence has been a major gift to our ministry. Please join us in congratulating **Lauren Hering, Noah Lolli, Audrey Lolli and Luke vonKapff** for receiving our Youth Leadership Award 2020!



Lauren Hering, Notre Dame freshman fall 2020



Noah Lolli, University of Oxford freshman fall 2020



Audrey Lolli, rising senior, New Trier



Luke vonKapff, rising senior, New Trier





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



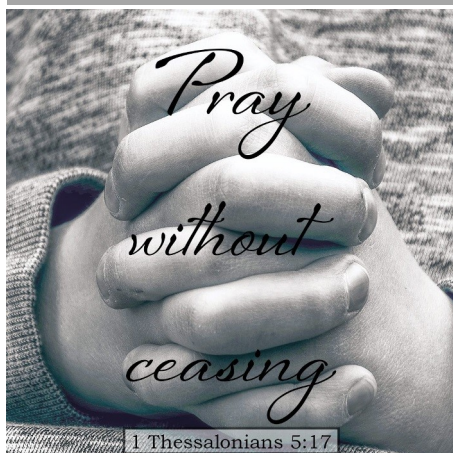
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2020 KINDERGARTEN GRADUATES!



We hope you all have a safe, healthy and wonderful summer break. We will see you in the fall!



## 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.divinemercynorthshore.org](http://www.divinemercynorthshore.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,  
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, Joe Pellegrino,  
Ennio Rossi, Mary Sabo, Donna Sabido, Dick Schager,  
Catherine Scheid, Mary Shepherd, Judy Sokal, Heather Stepan,  
Mary Tatro, 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

*Given the current curtailment of public Masses, all Mass Intentions at Sacred Heart Church and St. Philip the Apostle Church for the coming week will be offered at the Saturday Livestream Mass at 5:00 p.m.*

### SACRED HEART & ST. PHILIP FOR LAST WEEK (June 15 - June 21):

Margaret and John Madden (Wedding Anniversary), John Conley, Jim Prindiville, John Madden, III (Birthday Blessings), Carrie Ellen Young, John Klemmer, Richard Trueheart, Albert Doherty

### SACRED HEART & ST. PHILIP FOR THIS WEEK (June 22 - June 28)

Joseph Cosgrove, Michael J. Hickey, Sandra Jarost, Frank Schmid, Don O'Meara, Genevieve Conway, John Conley, Samantha Bastow (Birthday Blessings), Robert Hutchings, Eugene R. Corley, Richard Turk, Sr., Rowland and Rosemary Hoffman, Frank and Teresa D'Astici, John Klemmer, Richard Trueheart

### SACRED HEART & ST. PHILIP FOR NEXT WEEK (June 29 - July 5)

Jim O'Toole, Joseph Cosgrove, Lourdes Mariano, Donna Bailey, John Conley, Peter and Michelle Kane (Wedding Anniversary Blessings), John Klemmer, Richard Trueheart

## 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

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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:  
divinemercurybulletins@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.*

**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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