



DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH • ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

JUNE 7, 2020

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



Father, Son and Holy Spirit

See inside for more information regarding Streaming Masses

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

WHAT ELSE, LORD?

As if the pandemic were not enough, we are confronted, once again, by video evidence gone viral of police brutality and injustice against a person of color. Large public demonstrations ensued in various cities around the country calling for justice to be done. Somehow looting and violence accompanied or dovetailed off of those demonstrations.

What do we make of all this?

To be honest, my first reaction to all of this was: Really, Lord? Don't we have enough to deal with?

On second thought, sometimes life is just that way. It becomes overwhelming.

I know for myself when life becomes overwhelming I take it to prayer, once I get past the initial emotional impact. Sometimes I can't shake the emotions, so I bring those to pray too (we ought to bring our whole selves to prayer, which includes thoughts, feelings, inclinations, confusions and questions).

When life becomes too much I also spend time with Scripture and with other sources of wisdom. In light of the swirling mess of the pandemic, actions and images of racial injustice, large crowds demonstrating, and instances of looting and destruction of property, the first Scripture that comes to mind is Jesus telling his disciples, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you" (John 20:21).

Jesus sends us forth with his peace to be peacemakers. What would happen in this country if every Christian took to heart Jesus' words? Would we reevaluate our role in standing up for those who have no standing in society? Would our streets radiate calmness and quiet at night? I don't know. But I do know the gospel and it does not condone

violence in any form, whether that be racial injustice, bullying, brutality in actions and in words, putting down others, hypocrisy, treating others as if they were things and not people, destruction of property, thievery, stealing and looting. All those are forms of violence. Yes, different kinds of violence, but violence nonetheless. Christ calls us to peace, never violence.

SAINT POPE PAUL VI

In these difficult times I also recall a voice of wisdom, Saint Pope Paul VI who once famously preached, "If you want peace, work for justice."

AWORD FROM NOUWEN

Henri Nouwen, the celebrated Christian author, wrote this reflection that may help you with the times in which we are living—

In our ongoing search for meaning, we need to keep reading books and newspapers in a spiritual way. The question that should always be with us is: "Why are we living?" All the events of our short lives need to be interpreted. Books and newspapers are there to help us to read the signs of the times and so give meaning to our lives. Jesus says: "When you see a cloud looming up in the West you say at once that rain is coming, and so it does. And when the wind is from the South you say it's going to be hot, and it is. Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the face of the earth and the sky. How is it you do not know how to interpret these times?" (Luke 12:54-6).

Here lies the real challenge. Jesus does not look at the events of our lives as a series of incidents and accidents that have little to do with us. Jesus sees the political, economic, and social events of our life as signs that call for a spiritual interpretation. They need to be read spiritually! But how? Jesus shows us how. Once the people had told Jesus the news that the governor Pilate had executed some rebellious men from Galilee and



mingled their blood with that of Roman sacrifices. When he heard this he said: "Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than any others, that this should happen to them? They were not, I tell you. No, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did" (Luke 13:2-3). Jesus does not give a political interpretation of the event but a spiritual one. He says: "What happened invites you to conversion!" This is the deepest meaning of history: a constant invitation calling us to turn our hearts to God and so discover the full meaning of our lives." [From Henri Nouwen, Jesus: A Gospel, Orbis

Fr. Steve

WANT TO BE IN THE KNOW? WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!

Given the current reality, the only way we can communicate with our parishioners is through email, our website and social media. **PLUS**, Fr. Steve writes a daily update on what's happening at the parish, and shares a short video reflection on a daily scripture. You won't want to miss these, or other important information related to the gradual reopening of our churches.

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 Carol Brown your email address, and she'll get you connected. You can email her at clbrown@divinemercynorthshore.org or call our temporary office number: **847-881-6664**. THANK YOU!

**LET'S SEND FATHER MIKE
INTO RETIREMENT
WITH A PARADE!**

**Join us on Saturday, June 20th
at 1:00 pm**

**in the Hyde Park Day School (St. Philip the Apostle)
west parking lot
1980 Old Willow Road, Northfield**

Feel free to decorate your cars/bicycles/persons

**When we once again can gather together there
will be a celebration for Father Solazzo.**

***BUT*, before he moves away, let us at Divine Mercy and friends
show him our love and appreciation
for his life in the priesthood
and his time here with us.**

Any questions please call Bobbie Weiss at 312-590-0191



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

THE PATRONS OF THE ARTS IN THE VATICAN MUSEUMS VIRTUAL SERIES ON RAPHAEL

If you are a fan of the artwork of the Vatican museums, the New York Chapter of the Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums has created a four-part virtual lecture series entitled *Raphael and His World* by renowned art historian and popular Patrons tour guide, Professor Elizabeth Lev. The series celebrates the 500-year anniversary of the death of Raphael.

The title of each lecture is as follows:

- The Elusive Leonardo
- The Might of Michelangelo
- Clash of the Titans
- Raphael Triumphans, Raphael Moriens

Each lecture lasts one hour and can be found at on their website which you visit [here](https://nyvaticanartpatrons.org/2020/04/25/raphael-and-his-world-virtual-lecture-series/).
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Enjoy the series!



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>.

RESPECT LIFE PRAYER

That as the Life of the Trinity fills God's People, they may, as the People of Life, bring about a new respect and protection of every human being's right to life, we pray to the Lord.

POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER

We have such need of the light and strength of the Holy Spirit! The Church needs it to walk harmoniously and courageously in the witness of the Gospel. And the entire human family needs it so as to move out of this crisis more united and not more divided.



ONLINE SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP: MONDAYS AT 9:00 A.M.

Our weekly scripture reflection group continues to meet every Monday morning from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. on Zoom. We read and discuss the readings for the coming Sunday. No scripture experience is necessary and all are welcome. If you're interested in participating, contact Judy Pyke at jpyke@divinemercynorthshore.org or call 847-881-6664 to let her know and she'll send you the Zoom invitation link. Join Us!

SCHEDULE FOR MASSES

Tune into our website www.divinemercynorthshore.org to view the links for our streaming 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.

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.

COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS PASTORAL LETTER ON RACISM

It seems to be the perfect time to read the Bishop's Pastoral Letter on Racism entitled "Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love, A Pastoral Letter on Racism." You can find it on their website by clicking [here](#).

Fr. Matt O'Donnell, the pastor of one of our sharing parishes, St. Columbanus, wrote the following this past week.

Statement on the Death of Mr. George Floyd
Rev. Matthew S. O'Donnell, Pastor
St. Columbanus Church & Augustus Tolton Catholic Academy

Racism continues to have a devastating effect on life in the United States of America. Events of this past week has shown the anger, hurt, and frustrations of many across the country. We must remember the life of Mr. George Floyd. Sadly and unjustly, Mr. Floyd joins the litany of names of African American men and women who have lost their lives at the hands of those charged with serving and protecting.

The life of Mr. Floyd was reduced to a dispute about a counterfeit \$20 bill. In effect, the life of Mr. Floyd, a Black man, was worth less than an alleged counterfeit bill. As a white police officer forced his knee into the neck of Mr. Floyd for almost nine minutes, the world heard Mr. Floyd cry out "I Can't Breathe." Words we have heard before as others have experienced bodily violence at the hands of unethical police officers.

We understand the death of Mr. Floyd has led to a national outcry for change, accountability, and reform in policing. In Chicago, we witnessed peaceful protests where committed individuals joined together to be advocates for justice. We heard loudly and clearly that Black Lives Matter! Black lives do matter, and they matter to us at St. Columbanus Church and Augustus Tolton Catholic Academy. As a church and school we are committed to speaking truth to power, advocating for our neighbors in Park Manor, and fighting to ensure that Black lives and Black bodies are treated as sacred.

Our city is hurting, and the Black community is voicing a deep pain. This pain is being expressed not only from witnessing the murder of Mr. Floyd, but from generations of racial oppression. America's sinful legacy of enslavement, lynchings, Jim Crow segregation, violence, apathy, and financial inequities have brought us to this moment. Racism is this nation's original sin. It pains me to see fires being set, stores looted, and neighborhoods vandalized. What pains me more, though, is knowing that some value material objects over Black bodies and lives.

Jesus says, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). We are committed to sharing the abundance of life with all those we minister to. We will continue to work tirelessly in the pursuit of justice and peace, never giving up until "justice and peace will kiss each other" (Psalm 85:10). We will never stop serving our neighbors, and we make the commitment today to be a faith community that fights, advocates, and works for a more just society.

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Mr. George Floyd, and for the consolation of his family.

St. Columbanus, pray for us.

Venerable Augustus Tolton, pray for us.

COMMUNITY

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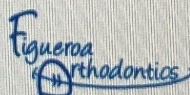


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at the parish, we have a
temporary phone
number during this shut
down period. **Call us at
847-881-6664.**

FINANCE

Our Parish uses



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Sign up for online giving at
www.givecentral.org

FINANCES AT A GLANCE AS OF MAY 31, 2020

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

YTD 2019-2020 Sunday Collection \$906,988

(Online this week \$6,301)

(Received in the mail \$8,723)

YTD 2018-2019 Sunday Collection \$976,856

If you are not an online donor and wish to sign up, please contact Cindy Atsaves
in the parish office at cindyatsaves@divinemercynorthshore.org.

Thank you for your generosity to Divine Mercy Parish!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/PREP)

Our Family Mass — A Wonderful Celebration of Pentecost

Thank you to Father Steve Lanza, our new Music Director Ron Vanasdlen, Cantors Kristin and Audrey Lolli, and Lector Matthew Compton for the beautiful liturgy last weekend. Father Steve helped us understand the miraculous workings of the Holy Spirit. It was a blessing to take a moment to think about our Children's Ministry families and catechists and to give thanks for the times we have had building faith together this past year. The photos below were taken at Sacred Heart Church during the Mass — you'll notice there is a lot of work going on behind the scenes during this time. The church is finally getting its long-awaited repainting and carpeting.



Kristin and Audrey Lolli with Matthew Compton; Rita and Matthew Compton.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT
SACRED HEART SCHOOL!



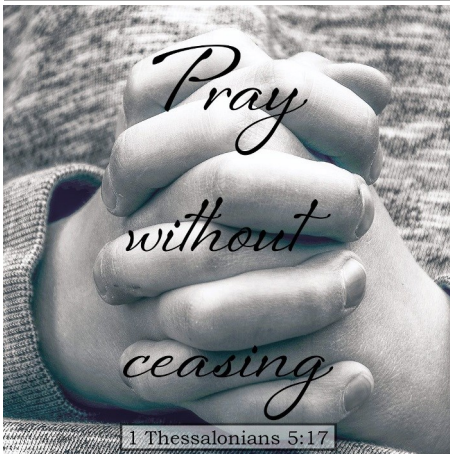
Did you know Sacred Heart School has been streaming live our morning assemblies on Fridays? It is so fun to see so many people all at once praying the Lords Prayer and the Hail Mary together!



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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
CLASS OF 2020!

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.

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 1—June 7):

Bob Haring, Mary Catherine Hayes, Lourdes Mariano, the Coradini Family, Blessings for all unborn children, Frederic Kastner, Chris Thordarson, John Conley, Marge Livingston, Terry Franke.

SACRED HEART & ST. PHILIP FOR THIS WEEK (June 8—June 14):

Loretta Maloney, John Conley and Anne Berghoff Baston (Birthday blessings).

SACRED HEART & ST. PHILIP FOR NEXT 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

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)

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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 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-at-Home'...
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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