



DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

March 28, 2021 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



Holy Week
Palm Sunday

[You Can Now Make Your Holy Week & Easter Mass Reservations on our Website](#)

Please notify the parish if you, or anyone in your household,
have been diagnosed with COVID19, and you recently attended Mass.
Thank you!

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

THIS SPECIAL TIME

This week we observe Holy Week, the high point of the entire liturgical year. Why do we consider it the high point?

This is the week that leads up to Easter Sunday and the Easter season. Midweek we enter the Easter or Paschal Triduum, the three unique and special days when we recall and make present again in our lives the saving action of Jesus in Jerusalem so long ago when he suffered, died and rose for our sakes.

Please set aside time in order to attend and celebrate the liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and either Holy Saturday or Easter Sunday. Our Lenten discipline has led us to these special days. If you happen to be away during these days, find a local Catholic Church and attend. If you cannot do that, we will be livestreaming the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, as well as the Good Friday liturgy and the Easter Vigil. Easter Sunday Masses also will be livestreamed on our website or our Facebook page.

May God bless you as we celebrate Christ the Lord in this Holy Week!

FATHER DEAN'S NEWS

Our own Father Dean Semmer will be retiring at the end of April. I know it's hard to believe, but he has reached the golden age of 70, which is the age at which we priests are allowed to retire from active, full-time ministry.

Of course, Father Dean (or any retired priest) still remains a priest. But at age 70, we no longer have an assignment from the Archdiocese, unless we choose to remain active. Father Dean has chosen to ride off into the sunset, so to speak.

His farewell weekend will be celebrated on April 24. We are anticipating having to celebrate under the current COVID restrictions, which

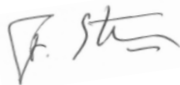
means we will not be able to hold a reception for him. Instead, we will do what we did for Father Mike when he retired a year ago.

The drive by parade for Father Dean will take place between 11:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. on Saturday, April 24th. Fr. Dean will be under a Tent in front of the Sacred Heart Rectory on Burr Street, which is located off of Tower Road, on the immediate west side of the Church. Come on by and honk your horn at him, wave and give a nice shout out. He'll offer you his blessing with a judicious use of holy water.

Following the drive by parade, Father Dean will celebrate a farewell Mass that same day at 5:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church. We will follow whatever the current restrictions are for in person church celebrations given to us by the Archdiocese. That 5:00 p.m. Mass, as we do every weekend, will also be livestreamed for those who wish to participate remotely.

Thanks, Father Dean, for your ministry among us. It's been great having you here as a coworker in the vineyard. It's also been a pleasure living with you in the rectory.

We wish you all the best in your retirement. Now don't be a stranger; stop by from time to time! Godspeed you to many relaxing years in retirement!



FOOD COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND!

Our local food pantries are fighting hunger here at home, and we need your help. Here's what's needed. Bring your items to the Church vestibules next weekend. THANK YOU!

St. Philip: (7:45am - 9:00am)
(Northfield Township Food Pantry)

1. Pasta Skillet Dinners
2. Rice Mixes
3. Canned Beef Stew
4. Individually wrapped Easter Candy

Sacred Heart (9:45am - 11am)
(New Trier Township Food Pantry)

1. Cookies and Crackers
2. Brown and White Rice
3. Peanut Butter

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS!

Visit our Website to Make a Reservation for
any of these Liturgies or click [here](#).
(Palm Sunday is found on the regular reservation page.)



Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Via Livestream **only** at divinemergymusic.org/worship-aids--more)

7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Philip the Apostle - Fr. Steve Lanza
(will be livestreamed)

Good Friday, April 2, 2021

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Via Livestream **only** at divinemergymusic.org/worship-aids--more)

3:00 p.m. The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at St. Philip the Apostle -
Fr. Dean Semmer

7:30 p.m. The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at Sacred Heart (will be livestreamed) - Fr. Dan Cassidy

Morning Prayer for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are pre-recorded and will be available each day at 9 a.m. at divinemergymusic.org/worship-aids--more

Holy Saturday, April 3, 2021

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Via Livestream **only** at divinemergymusic.org/worship-aids--more)

Noon - Blessing of Easter Food Baskets at St. Philip the Apostle in front of Church (inclement weather will prompt a drive-by blessing in the same location) - Deacon Gerry Keenan

7:30 p.m. The Easter Vigil In the Holy Night at St. Philip the Apostle (will be livestreamed) - Fr. Steve Lanza
(Note there will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass at SH.)

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021 (8am and 10am Masses from both Churches will be Live-streamed.)

8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church - Fr. Dean Semmer

8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart School Gym - Fr. Dan Cassidy

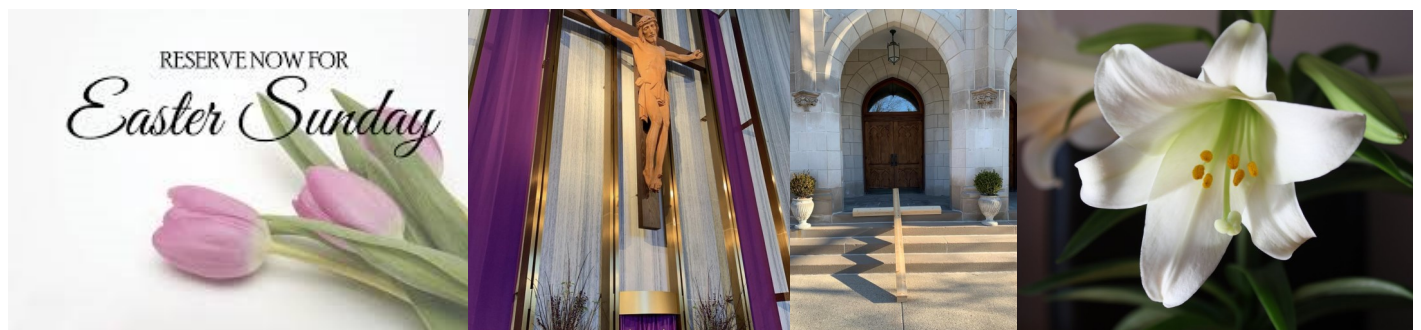
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Philip the Apostle Church - Fr. Steve Lanza

10:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church - Fr. Steve Lanza

10:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart School Gym - Fr. Dean Semmer

10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Philip the Apostle Church, *with Drive-In* - Fr. Dan Cassidy

Noon Mass at St. Philip the Apostle - Fr. Steve Lanza



Take the next step in your faith journey this Spring

Grounded in Faith

Grounded in Faith is 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/usmDCLxN1hmvYUUA>

Contact Sue at slehocky@divinemercynorthshore.org with questions or for more information.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

HOLY THURSDAY & GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTIONS

Our collection for Holy Thursday this year will be donated to Bethany House of Hospitality, an outreach ministry which offers housing and support services to young immigrant women as they journey to independence. Be sure to listen to Fr. Steve's Homily on Holy Thursday to learn more about this ministry and something special that recently occurred!

As always, our Good Friday collection (like all Catholic Churches throughout the world) benefits the Holy Land. This collection originated from the Popes' wishes to maintain a strong bond between the Holy Places of the Holy Land and all Christians of the world. It is the main source of sustenance for

life around the Holy Places, and is also the tool through which the Custody of the Holy Land (administered by the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land) is able to sustain and carry forward the important mission to which it is called: to preserve the holy places, the stones of memory, and to favor the Christian presence, the living stones of the Holy Land, through many activities of solidarity such as the maintenance of pastoral, educational, welfare, health and social structures.

The territories which benefit from the Collection are Jerusalem, Palestine, Israel, Jordan, Cyprus, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Turkey, Iran and Iraq.

Thank you for your generosity for these worthy causes.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MINISTERS STILL NEEDED FOR TRIDUUM LITURGIES

We are looking for some adult servers (18+) for these special liturgies. We will train you, so no need to be hesitant. Is there anyway you can help?

If you're able to help us out this year, please contact our Director of Liturgy & Music, Ron Vanasdlén at 847-630-7486 or you can email Ron at rvanasdlén@divinemercynorthshore.org

RESPECT LIFE PRAYER

That the crucifixion of Christ for all people may teach us that there is no such thing as a worthless life, or a person God does not love, we pray to the Lord.

POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER

@Franciscus

Look at the open arms of Christ crucified, and let Him save you. Contemplate His blood shed out of love and let yourself be purified by it. In this way you can be reborn. #GoodFriday



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

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.



PRAY FOR OUR ALPHA PARTICIPANTS

Please keep all those persons participating in our Alpha series in your prayers, including the Alpha Team members, as they continue their journey to come to know Jesus and each other!



FINANCE

For online donations, our Parish uses



Sign up for online giving at 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. 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!

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 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](#).

THANK YOU!!



The poster features a dark background with gold and white text and graphics. At the top left is the Sacred Heart School logo. The main title 'Masquerade' is in a large, elegant script, with 'NITE LITES' in a smaller, sans-serif font and 'Raffle' in a cursive script below it. The date 'SATURDAY • MAY 22, 2021' is centered. Below the date, the prizes are listed: '1ST PRIZE \$5,000 CASH' and '2ND PRIZE \$2,500 GIFT CARD LESTER LAMPERT JEWELERS'. A large, ornate gold masquerade mask is centered below the prizes. At the bottom, the ticket prices are listed: '1 TICKET \$50 • 5 TICKETS \$200 • 10 TICKETS \$350'. Below the ticket prices, it says 'Sponsored by' followed by 'THE BROSCHE FAMILY' and 'LESTER LAMPERT'. At the very bottom, the websites 'SHWSCHOOL.ORG • NITELITES.GIVESMART.COM' are listed.

Masquerade
NITE LITES Raffle

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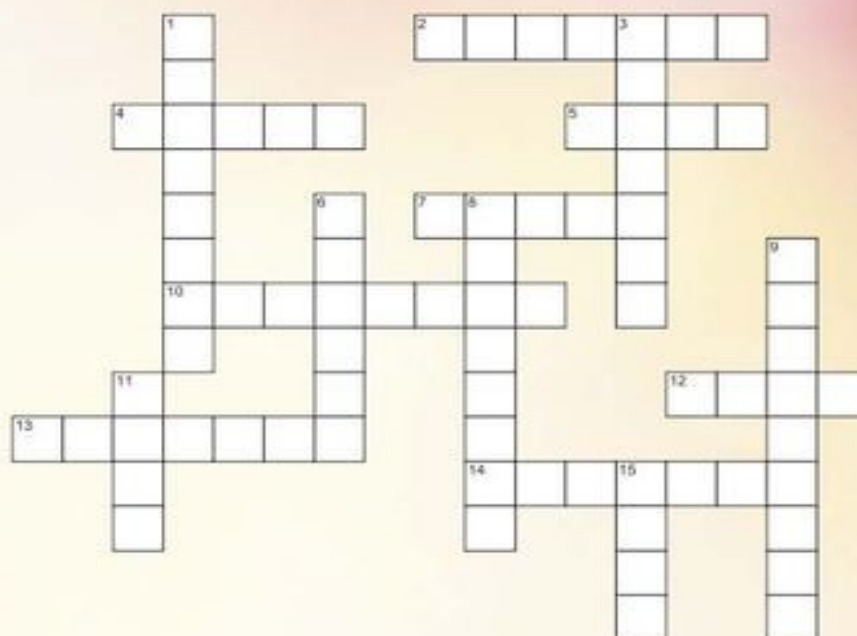
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/PREP)

This Palm Sunday, Let's Remember How Jesus Calls Us to Serve

We know many of our families will be traveling over break — this crossword, which you can print out digitally, gives you an opportunity to talk about the Corporal Works of Mercy and the many ways in which Jesus calls us to serve one another. Sessions will resume Sunday, April 11. Be safe and God Bless!

Works of Mercy Catholic Crossword



ACROSS

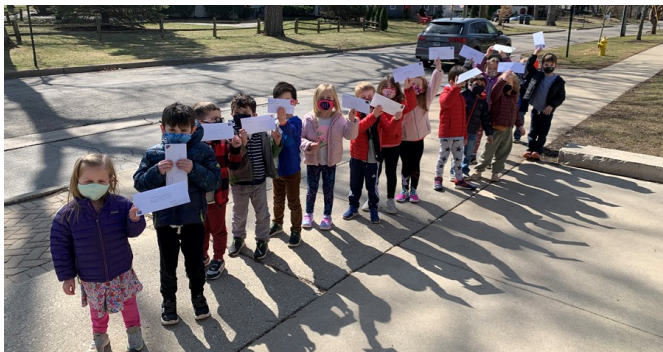
- 2 ___ the doubtful; this means to advise others on how they can love and serve God.
- 4 Give ___ to the thirsty
- 5 ___ wrongs patiently; this means to be patient, even when others hurt us.
- 7 ___ the sick and imprisoned (these are two works of mercy)
- 10 ___ the sinner; this means to lovingly express warning or disapproval of a person's sin.
- 12 ___ the dead
- 13 ___ all injuries
- 14 ___ the sorrowful

DOWN

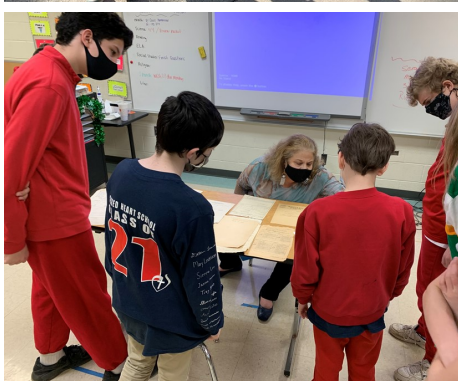
- 1 Helping other people in their bodily needs is called a ___ work of mercy; there are seven of these works of mercy.
- 3 ___ the homeless
- 6 ___ the naked
- 8 ___ the ignorant; this means to teach others the truths of the Faith.
- 9 Helping other people in the needs of their soul is called a ___ work of mercy; there are seven of these works of mercy.
- 11 ___ for the living and the dead
- 15 ___ the hungry



LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL!



FDJK took their first "field trip" last week! They walked to the mailbox near our school to send the letters they wrote to friends and family around the country and world! The JK students have learned about how letters are sent through the mail, and are looking forward to keeping track of where their incoming responses are traveling from on a map!



Dr. Canel brought documents from her dad's service in World War II to share with the 8th grade as they study this period of history in both social studies and ELA. The students LOVED the hands-on experience, especially the document about Mr. Wolfe's Purple Heart! She told stories her dad shared with her growing up, as well as explained where he went while deployed. Overall, an incredible experience we were so fortunate to get! Thank you Dr. Canel!



Playtime in preschool with Ms. Fink!

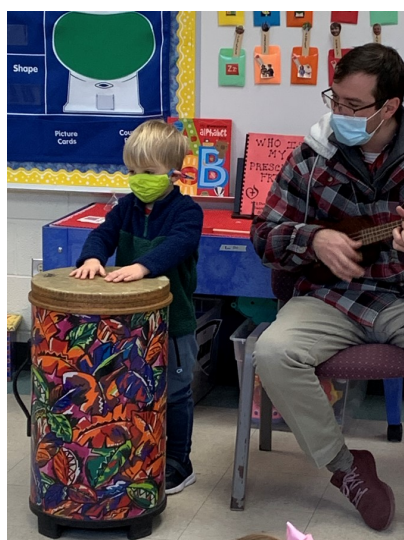


In religion your 7th graders have been working all year to deepen their understanding of their faith by seeing themselves as missionaries of God. This week they have begun planning our missionary discipleship project by selecting the theme of care for creation!

Students went for a creation walk to get a better understanding of what creation is, what it means to care for creation, and how we can make a meaningful impact here in our community! On the walk students observed Hubbard Woods Park, the Church/parish center courtyard, and our school grounds. They made very insightful observations; we are so excited to see the project they come up with!



Making music with Mr. Comstock in preschool!



PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

April 1, 2021

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE
CHURCH

7:30 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

April 2, 2021

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE
CHURCH

3:00 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Dean Semmer

April 2, 2021

SACRED HEART CHURCH

7:30 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Dan Cassidy

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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 or 847-881-6664. One of our priests will respond to your call. Please leave a message!!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

LECTOR ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday - Chris Harvey and Liz Harvey

Good Friday 3:00 p.m. at St. Philip - Jim Dietz

Good Friday 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart- Cathy Lehman,
Kathy Janega

Easter Vigil 7:30 p.m. at St. Philip - Dan and Deb Kubasiak,
Liz Harvey, Michael Koberda

Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart CH - Mary Newton

Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Gym - Ludy Mariano

Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. at St. Philip - Jim Dietz

Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart CH - Cathy Lehman

Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Gym - Chris Hartman

Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. at St. Philip - Chris Kaiser

Easter Sunday 12:00 Noon at St. Philip - D. Kubasiak

If you are interested in the ministry of Lector at either Sacred Heart or St. Philip the Apostle, please contact Ron Vanasdlén, via email rvanasdlén@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, Marge Ayres, 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, March 29 (SH)

7:00 a.m. -

TUESDAY, March 30 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Kay Maloney

HOLY THURSDAY, April 1 (SPA)

7:30 p.m. -

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

3:00 p.m. -

7:30 p.m. -

SATURDAY, APRIL 3 (SPA)

7:30 p.m. - Frank & Teresa D'Astici

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

8:00 a.m. (SPA) - Pat Doherty

8:00 a.m. (SHC) - Parishioners of
Divine Mercy

8:00 a.m. (SHG) - Parishioners of
Divine Mercy

10:00 a.m. (SPA) - Ronald Alitto

10:00 a.m. (SHC) - Robert Erzinger

10:00 a.m. (SHG) - Parishioners of
Divine Mercy

12:00 p.m. (SPA) - 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 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.

BULLETIN SPECS:

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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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