



DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH • ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

MAY 31, 2020

PENTECOST SUNDAY



PENTECOST
The birth of the Church



Pentecost

See inside for more information
regarding Streaming Masses

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

SPIRIT, HOLY SPIRIT!

This Sunday the Easter season culminates with the solemnity of Pentecost. This feast recalls the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples which propelled them into apostles who spread the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ everywhere. This feast also marks the birth of the Church, the vehicle or platform, if you will, for the mission of Christ in the world.

So we celebrate a lot this weekend, mostly because this is not a historical remembering. It's much more than that. We also celebrate the action of the Holy Spirit today among us modern day disciples who are tasked with the same command as those first disciples: to go and make more disciples. To do so, we engage in all sorts of apostolic works.

APOSTLES AND APOSTOLIC WORKS HERE AND NOW

The pandemic has affected everyone and everything given the constraints of social distancing. While our mission as a Church has not changed, the methods by which we pursue that mission have pivoted to take into account the constraints of social distancing. Here are just a few examples of how we are continuing at Divine Mercy Parish to pursue the mission of Christ in new ways.

Generous parishioner donations have now allowed us to fund the Northfield restaurant, Three Tarts in providing 200 meals each month for A Just Harvest Community Kitchen through **October!**

One amazing parishioner made 180 face masks for distribution among the clients of Connections for the Homeless in Evanston. She and her husband dropped the masks off last week to an elated Connections office!

Our Love Your Neighbor phone calls have surfaced all kinds of important issues that our parishioners are

dealing with including the difficulties and stressful challenges of E-learning while trying to work from home; recent medical diagnoses that are non-COVID related; people seeking help with rent, utilities and food pantry accessibility; housing and relocation issues; mental health and loneliness,, as well as assistance for the elderly.

As you can see, our parishioners are connecting on a very personal level with each other, and it is so heartening to confirm what we already knew: we are a faith community that cares for one another.

What else might the Holy Spirit prompt us to do as we continue to cope with the pandemic? We shall see.

In order for us to continue the work of Christ in the world such as it is today, we need to listen to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Creativity and innovation requires us all to listen to the Spirit as the Spirit moves among us.

FAMILY AND SPIRIT

The original descent of the Holy Spirit occurred in a communal setting. The eleven disciples were locked in the upper room where they celebrated the Last Supper. They were still fearful of the authorities who had arrested and executed Jesus, even though they had experienced the Risen Lord Jesus.

There they were, together, gathered under one roof, hiding, fearful. Sound a little bit familiar?

Older sons and daughters living by themselves have moved back in with parents. Families clustered together to ride out the storm of this pandemic.

If there's one thing we've learned in



this time, it's the need for socializing, the need to gather as a community. Families have that right now. It seems to me that without being able to gather as Church in a church (building), families can pray for the Holy Spirit to come down upon them in their homes, in other words, right where they are.

Pray for a spirit of harmony and unity!
Pray for a unity of purpose as we Christians bring Christ to the world!
Pray for ingenuity, creativity and innovation as we witness to the Good News of salvation in Christ!

And speaking of families, join us for our end of year Children's Ministry Family Mass online this weekend, beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday!

SAVE THE DATE FOR FR. MIKE'S FAREWELL! JUNE 20

We may not be able to have our reception for Father Mike Solazzo's retirement at this time, but we do have something up our sleeves!

Details to come. Be on the lookout!



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!



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Today, Pentecost Sunday, is called by many the birthday of the Church. Not only does the Lord imbue His followers and Apostles with the Holy Spirit, but He sends them out into the world to accomplish and further His mission.

There are strong connections to the concept of stewardship throughout the readings on this day, including the statement by St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians, "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." That is a prompt to us that we are gifted in different ways, but we are to be willing to use those gifts to assist and support the Church and others.

Nevertheless, in the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles is also a

reminder to us about living a stewardship way of life. They are celebrating Pentecost, 50 days after Passover (which, for us, is Easter). Passover (as reported in the Book of Numbers in the Old Testament) was a time when the first sheaf reaped from the barley harvest was presented to God; however, at Pentecost the first fruits of the wheat harvest were given to God.

This concept of giving the first fruits to God is at the heart of stewardship. How do we share the bounty that has been given us? The people of Jesus' time were deeply conscious of all their gifts, including the gifts of the earth. Everything we have comes from God. This is a day to contemplate that and to respond to it.

MISS YOUR FAVORITE MASS SONGS ? LISTEN ON OUR WEBSITE!

If you miss hearing the beautiful music of our liturgies, you can listen to your favorite songs/hymns on our website! Just visit the Music Ministry page on website, click on "More...", then click on "Liturgical Music" and

finally, click on "Reflection and Meditation" or just click [here](#)! You can listen to various hymns including, Eye Has Not Seen, I Have Loved You, and Jesus Christ, Yesterday, Today and For Ever. Spend some time discovering our Music Ministry page. You'll find all kinds of music you'll enjoy!



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

THE LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR PROGRAM CONTINUES TO SHARE GOOD NEWS!

Our wonderful volunteers proceed with their weekly check in calls, letter writing, emails, and delivery of groceries and supplies to those in need.

Generous food donations continue to arrive at the New Trier Township Food Pantry courtesy of Divine Mercy parishioners.

One amazing parishioner from our St. Philip worship site made 70 face masks for the clients at Connections for the Homeless.

Our Three Tarts/A Just Harvest effort has been funded by many kindhearted parishioners through September! Thank you for your generosity!

Finally, we have three "testimonials" to share with you from some of our parishioners who are making calls to other parishioners during this crazy time! We thank them for sharing their stories and giving of their time for this important ministry!

Our first caller writes:

"Speaking to the parents of Children's Ministry was such a gift for me. I did not realize how much I missed connecting with a wide range of people on a given day. Taking the time to pray and engage with each person was very uplifting.

Everyone I spoke to seemed genuinely touched and grateful that we were reaching out to check in on their family and take prayer requests. Nearly all expressed how grateful they are for their good fortune and asked that prayers be said for those who are ill and on the front lines.

One special moment occurred when a mom told me that my call was like an angel, perfectly timed to provide a listening ear just when she needed it.

Making these calls reminded me that we all can use encouragement and what better place for that support to come than from our amazing faith community."

Our second caller shared:

"Dear Father Steve, I want to say what a privilege it has been to be part of your parish outreach team! I've called over 100 parishioners so far, and while some calls go to voicemail, others are answered and people are grateful and delighted to get a call. Some have even become new friends.

One lady I spoke to told me that her mother grew up in France during WW2, so our lockdown seems insignificant compared to the challenges that she faced. We spoke of how family dinners are now directed by what needs to get eaten, and how mindful we have both become about waste. We considered if there would be any food shortages due to disruption in the supply chain, and she suggested that we catch the rabbit in her yard that is eating her Azaleas....we laughed and debated if anyone might have a good rabbit recipe?

Thank you for asking me to help you with this, it has been an absolute pleasure to reconnect with old friends and make new ones across the Parish. I'm so grateful to Divine Mercy's support through these unusual times and the challenges we all face."

And our final caller shared:

"These past few months have been different in so many ways and I have seen how hard everyone is working to keep us all connected which is why when the opportunity was presented I felt obligated to do my part. And I do a lot of parts at Divine Mercy and know a lot of great people but this was different.

Making calls to a list of near strangers is not high on the list of things to do on

a Saturday. But since there isn't much going on most Saturdays or any days for that matter, I sat down in a sunny spot, with my list of names and started calling. I rarely make calls anymore because I usually text and then it's usually to my close contacts stored in my iPhone! So to look at this list of 50+ names of people I really didn't know was a bit scary. I was asked to reach out to our parishioners, check in on them and their families and ask if they needed anything including prayers. But once I started calling all I got were numerous voicemail messages, or a "mailbox is full" and a disconnect. A lot of the "home" numbers had been disconnected. Out of the 55 calls made I actually only spoke to 14 people. Four were people I knew personally and really enjoyed getting to catch up on how they were spending this time. It was a relief to hear that everyone was healthy and trying to keep themselves busy. But also, I realized as soon as I heard their voices, I really missed seeing them at church, sitting in their regular seats. Seeing their faces, their smiles and feeling their embraces or a hand shake. The other few people that answered were just delightful and happy to chat to a stranger just to say their fine, or they got a negative test result and that everyone is hanging in there! I even got some feedback on the audio/technical difficulties at the live-streamed mass.

Even though I was doing this as outreach to our parishioners, and left more messages than had actual conversations, I am grateful for the lucky chance to connect with a person during this most isolating uncertain time."

Thank you to each of our callers and all the good work begun by the volunteers in our Love Your Neighbor program!

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

RESPECT LIFE PRAYER

That we who have the Holy Spirit as our Advocate may in turn be advocates for the vulnerable, the forgotten, and the unborn, we pray to the Lord.

ONLINE ALPHA COURSE

Alpha online is perfect for skeptics, the curious, anyone with major doubts or hurts or those who just want to talk about the real issues of life with new friends.

If you want to know more we'd love to have you join us for Alpha Online - a fun evening where there is no pressure to come back each week, you can do from the comfort of your home and just see if Alpha is for you.

You're invited to #TryAlphaOnline. It's not too late to join the current group on Tuesday nights at 7:20 p.m. CST.

Who is Alpha for?

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. It runs over thirteen weeks; each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Regardless of your experience with faith or background, everyone is welcome.

You can join us online for the first week and decide if Alpha is for you after that; there is no pressure to come back.

What happens each week on Alpha online?

Alpha Online runs for thirteen weeks with the option of a retreat day online experience. Together, we explore ideas relating to faith and spirituality over food, a short film and then discussion.

We will send you a link where you can join Alpha Online from the comfort of your own home. All you need is an internet connection, a device (PC, iPad, phone) to join on, and most importantly a comfy chair! The real value of Alpha Online is in the

POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER



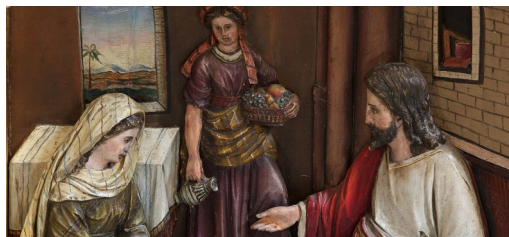
The Holy Spirit transforms us into a Church-womb of mercy, that is, into a "mother with a heart open" to all.

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>.



COMMUNITY

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

Given our new reality, the only way we can truly communicate with our parishioners is through email, our website and social media. **PLUS** Fr. Steve has begun to write a daily update on what's happening at the parish, and share a short video reflection on the daily scriptures. You won't want to miss these, or other important information from the parish or news related to the pandemic and Archdiocesan policies.

So! If you're not receiving our e-blasts, you need to 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@divinemergynorthshore.org or call our temporary office number: **847-881-6664**. THANK YOU!



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@divinemergynorthshore.org or call 847-881-6664 to let her know and she'll send you the Zoom invitation link. Join Us!

COMMUNITY

MANY THANKS TO OUR NITE LITES SPONSORS!

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS



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

FINANCES AT A GLANCE AS OF MAY 24, 2020

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

YTD 2019-2020 Sunday Collection \$891,964

(Online this week \$3,766)

(Received in the mail \$4,595)

YTD 2018-2019 Sunday Collection \$962,201

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!

A Wonderful Note of Thanks from Our Friends at Kolbe House Jail Ministry And a Special Family Mass with Father Steve

Remember way back in March when we were able to gather together and we heard a wonderful talk from Cliff Barber of the Archdiocese of Chicago about the volunteer prison ministry work he does on behalf of Kolbe House Jail Ministry? And, how we made beautiful keychains for the people Kolbe House serves? It seems like an age ago, but we received this photo and note that we wanted to share with you, reminding you that your hard work and creativity were put to great use. We look forward to gathering again for more ways to live out our Corporal Works of Mercy.



Dear Families of Divine Mercy Parish:
We cannot thank you enough for creating these beautiful key chains for us to share with the people we serve. They are being given to men and women who have just been released from prison, along with clothing, toiletries, food and bus cards. Because of the pandemic, we prepare a box of the things they need and drop it off at their door. The prayer beads with your drawings give the perfect personal touch to help them know how many people care about them--especially in this time when we can't make close face-to-face contact. We hope you remember them and us in your prayers, and know that we are here to serve all those affected by the justice system. Thank you and we send you warmest wishes!

Sincerely,
Your Friends at Kolbe House Jail Ministry

Family Mass with Father Steve This Weekend!

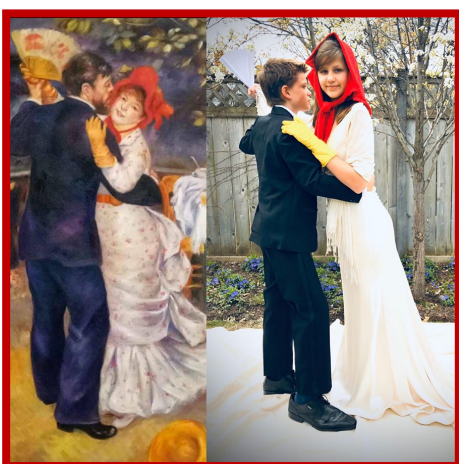
We are very excited to announce that Father Steve will celebrate a special Family Mass that you can view on our parish website — divinemercynorthshore.org at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 30. Father Steve will be joined by Kristin and Audrey Lolli, who will serve as cantors, and Matthew Compton, who will be our lector.

Gather your children and get ready for a wonderful homily from Father Steve, soaring music and an all-around wonderful celebration of Pentecost.

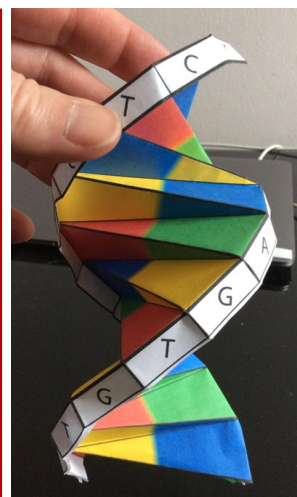
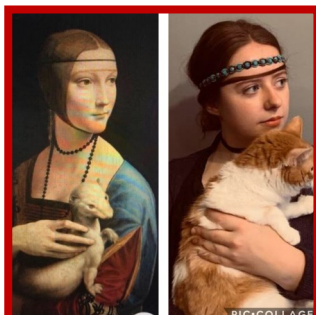
We are blessed to be able to celebrate even though we cannot all be together!



LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL!



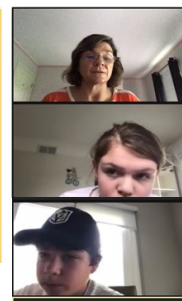
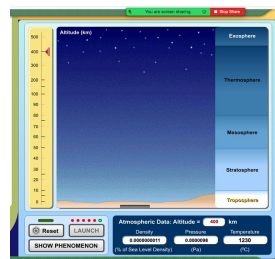
Thank you to Mrs. Klatt for a remarkable art project for our imaginative students and teachers.



7th grade is studying genetics. All 7th grade students know that DNA stands for "deoxyribonucleic acid" (that was a class goal for the year). We studied the DNA molecule and learned about its role in inheritance of traits. Some of us had fun making DNA origami models to help visualize the structure.



6th Grade science is studying the atmosphere. Since we aren't together and can't explore concepts like pressure and temperature in the classroom, we have resorted to computer simulations. Using simulations, students can virtually collect data. This is a good alternative for students to practice the important science concept of formulating claims supported by evidence and explained by reasoning.



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.
Albert Doherty, brother of Alice McGowan

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 (May 25 - May 31):

Julie-An Wright, Claire Madden-Segura (Birthday Blessings), Robert McHugh, George and Jill Ernst (Wedding Anniversary Blessings), Living and Deceased Members of the Edward and Viola Dietz Family

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

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

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

FONT SIZE:

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.

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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