



DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH • ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

MAY 3, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**"I came so that they might have life and
have it more abundantly." John 10:10**

See inside for more information regarding Streaming Masses

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

SAME OLD, SAME OLD?

I wouldn't be the first commentator that you've heard or read that suggested we won't be returning to the same old routines and ways of doing things once the shelter in place order is lifted. The scientists are warning us that we'll be dealing with the Coronavirus for quite some time, even after the order is relaxed, perhaps all the way into this coming winter.

That's not even half the story. Once a vaccine is discovered, manufactured and distributed, we will still be dealing with the after-effects of this modern day plague.

Especially as a church.

There will always be the need to gather and celebrate. We will be a congregation gathered in the Spirit once again.

But we will continue to live stream weekend Mass. That's not a temporary feature of who and what we are as a parish. In fact, once the replacement equipment arrives and is installed, our livestreaming capabilities will improve. You'll be able to hear what you are seeing a whole lot better. We had long planned to livestream Mass. We just accelerated the plan once the Coronavirus forced us to close our doors.

I'll be doing some sort of recorded video reflection even after the doors open again. I'm not sure that it will be available six days a week, as it is now. We'll figure that out later.

We're already noodling how Children's Ministry might be further tweaked, taking into account our learnings from this challenging time when materials were sent home for parents to use with their kids. We may continue this in some form or another, especially since the Church has always said that parents are the primary educators in the faith for their children (catechists

and others are there to support the parents, not take over that role).

The creator and founder of Alpha, Nicky Gumbel, the Vicar of Holy Trinity Brompton in London, has marveled that the on-line virtual Alpha that they instituted shortly after their own shelter in place order has worked out phenomenally. He has personally participated in the Alpha small groups for over 15 years and he believes that the virtual small groups bond better and quicker as compared to Alpha done in person. I suppose that remains to be tested out further once the shelter in place order is lifted.

As with many of our learnings during this time of the Coronavirus, it may take a while to sort through everything and determine what's best for us in the future, and what can be set aside.

The *Wall Street Journal* featured an article along these lines in its Saturday-Sunday edition for April 11-12 entitled "Sharing the Rites of Consolation When We're Apart." David Kessler, co-author with Elizabeth Kübler-Ross of *On Grief and Grieving*, is quoted in the article as saying about the pandemic, "We are going to come out of this with either post-traumatic stress or post-traumatic growth."

I like the idea of post-traumatic growth. For that to happen, we need to engage in some thoughtful reflection throughout the community of the Church, and engage in strategic planning as a parish.

We did strategic planning prior to the Coronavirus. We'll do it afterwards too. It's just that the severity of this viral assault and the constraints of shelter in place have surfaced for us what's truly important and what's not. In that light, and in the light of the Gospel,



we move forward.

Didn't the Second Vatican Council call us to read "the signs of the times" in updating the Church's pastoral response to the modern world? Yes, it very much did.

We continue to read the signs of the times.

NiteLites

This year the annual school fundraiser was held virtually through Zoom. The event organizers, the sixth grade parents and others, pivoted very quickly from a live event that was going to be held at the Writer's Theatre, to a virtual event held on line.

It was a magnificent evening. It was also a success due to the hard work and dedication of many behind the scenes folks who made it possible as well as the immense generosity of those who opened their checkbooks, wallets and charge cards to bid on live and silent auction items and give out of the goodness of their heart for the small school with the big heart.

God bless all those who made NiteLites this year such a success. It's for a good cause, our kids who receive a top notch education and a beautiful formation in faith through Sacred Heart School. Thank you, NiteLites 2020!

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

LUMEN CHRISTI INSTITUTE UPCOMING WEBINARS

The following webinars are being offered to the public and at no charge by the Lumen Christi Institute. You simply need to register on their website (<http://www.lumenchristi.org/events/upcoming>):

On Peter Abelard and Bernard of Clairvaux, by Willemien Otten of the University of Chicago Divinity School
May 7th - Thursday from 7-8:00 p.m.

This lecture is part of Lumen Christi's Spring Webinar Series on "Reason and Wisdom in Medieval Christian Thought."

What can reason discover about God? Are there other possible ways to know God? Medieval Christians undertook great rational enterprises—including the sharp logic of Abelard and the grand system of Thomas Aquinas—as well as practiced experiential and contemplative modes of knowing, as did Bernard of Clairvaux. This webinar will examine how different preeminent medieval Christian thinkers saw the relationship between reason and wisdom, how to arrive at them, and so how to seek the face of God.

Willemien Otten is Professor of



Theology and the History of Christianity; also in the College; Associate Faculty in the Department of History, Social Sciences Division at the University of Chicago. She

holds an M.A. and PhD from the University of Amsterdam. Otten studies the history of Christianity and Christian thought with a focus on the Western medieval and the early Christian intellectual tradition, including the continuity of Platonic themes. She is coeditor of Eriugena

and Creation (2014), On Religion and Memory (2013), and the Oxford Guide to the Historical Reception of Augustine (430–2000) (2013). Her most recent project is entitled "Natura Educans: The Psychology of Pantheism from Eriugena to Emerson."

This series is cosponsored by the Calvert House Catholic Center, the Collegium Institute, the Harvard Catholic Center, the Nova Forum, the Saint Benedict Institute, and the St. Paul's University Catholic Center.

Upcoming webinars in this series:

Thursday, May 14, 7PM
Julian of Norwich (Title TBD) | Katie Bugyis (University of Notre Dame)

Thursday, May 21, 7PM
Bonaventure (Title TBD) | Kevin Hughes (Villanova University)

RESPECT LIFE

That as followers of Jesus, who came that all may have life, we may actively oppose abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment, and all assaults on human dignity, we pray to the Lord.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP: A LOOK AT THE SCRIPTURES

"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...' (Acts 2:38)

The word "repent" means to turn from sin, to change our actions. Change that is permanent comes from within. It requires prayer, discipline, and perseverance. Change is also hard. We have to recognize that we are broken and need help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

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.

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.

WEEKDAY MASS OPTIONS

Parishioners have several options from which to choose. Here are three we recommend at this time.

- 1) Daily Mass at 10:00 a.m. from St. James Chapel from the Archdiocesan offices in Chicago. VISIT: <https://radiotv.archchicago.org/>

[television/broadcast-masses](#)

- 2) Daily Mass from Loyola Academy at 8:00 a.m. VISIT: <https://www.goramblers.org/daily-mass>, and scroll down to Daily Mass.
- 3) Daily Mass with Bishop Barron videos are posted on the Word on Fire website each day at 8:15 a.m. EST. VISIT: <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>

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.

OUTREACH

DIVINE MERCY PARISH SERVES: HOW TO SERVE SAFELY

There are so many opportunities for our parishioners to serve others as we shelter in place for the coming month. If you and/or your family are looking for ways to serve others at this time, the following provides several local opportunities.

NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY

Serving all of New Trier Township, the pantry relies on donations to keep the shelves well stocked. No donation is too small and all are appreciated.

Contact: Brian Leverenz
847-446-8203
www.newtriertownship.com/156/Food-Pantry

Current Needs: See website noted above. You must call to drop off a donation. You will be met at your car.

CONNECTIONS FOR THE HOMELESS, EVANSTON

Serving all of the northern suburbs, Connections is providing crisis shelter and food at six sites in Evanston.

Contact:
Hail Khalaf
847-475-7070 x217
hkhalaf@connect2home.org
<https://www.connect2home.org/coronavirussupport.html>

Current Needs: See their website. You must call ahead to drop off a donation.

A JUST HARVEST, CHICAGO

Serving the Rogers Park and the greater Chicago community, A Just Harvest is serving daily to go meals.

Contact:
David Crawford
773-262-2297
www.ajustharvest.org

Current Needs: See their website. You must call ahead to drop off a donation. This week's wish list includes: dry beans, small bags of rice, juice boxes, ramen noodles, vegetables canned or frozen, canned meat (tuna, chicken, beef, pork) broth, packaged utensils (forks and spoons)

DIVINE MERCY SHARING PARISHES

ST. BENEDICT THE AFRICAN, CHICAGO

Contact: Sister Mary, Outreach Program
340 W. 66th Street
Chicago, IL 60621

Current Needs:
Monetary Donations

Gifts Cards: Walgreens, Whole Foods, McDonalds, Gas Cards, Jewel, Target
Please mail checks and gifts cards directly to Sister Mary.

ST. COLUMBANUS, CHICAGO

Contact: Father Matt O'Donnell
331 E. 71st Street
Chicago, IL 60619

Current Needs:
Monetary donations to
Support weekly food pantry
Help pay parish bills
Provide emergency funds to assist families with their bills
Please mail checks directly to Father O'Donnell.

DIVINE MERCY PARISH'S LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Contact: Maureen Valvassori
mvalvassori@divinemercynorthshore.org

Current Needs: "Adopt" a parishioner who would benefit from a weekly check in call, an occasional note or email, or those needing assistance acquiring groceries or supplies.

THANK OUR ESSENTIAL WORKERS

Send a card or thank you note to local police, fire and paramedics
Leave a note for your mail carrier, garbage and recycling collectors
Leave a basket at your door filled with packaged snacks, notes and hand sanitizer for delivery people
Decorate the sidewalk in front of your home with chalk art and thank you messages
Put out a sign saying thanks with a daily message of hope, a joke or good news.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING OUTREACH EFFORTS, CONTACT:

Maureen Valvassori
Director of Pastoral Care and Outreach
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LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR PROGRAM RICHES

We've heard so many great stories via our Love Your Neighbor program, and here's one we just had to share.

Several weeks ago, the members of our Sacred Heart School seventh-grade religion class initiated a letter writing campaign to some of our elder parishioners when the Shelter-at-Home Order was issued. We had more elders than seventh-graders, so a parishioner family volunteered to write some of the letters. Here is a note we received from this family.

"...I wanted to tell you what a JOY it was to write those 8 letters for the Love Your Neighbor program a few weeks ago. My kids made Easter drawings and I wrote notes, and we sent them off, expecting that to be the end of it. But then! Lo and behold! A week later, letters started appearing in OUR mailbox. Nearly all of the recipients wrote us back. One of them noticed our return address and told us he grew up in the house across the street from us! Our good friends live their now, and we plan on connecting them so that he can visit his childhood home once life is back to "normal." It was such a neat coincidence and it brought such excitement to our otherwise dull days! Thank you for organizing such a meaningful and fun way to connect parishioners."

Our principal shared that she, too, has received replies to the letters sent by the seventh-graders. A joyful response all around!

Many thanks to all of our letter-writers and our kind-hearted respondents!



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!

MISS YOUR FAVORITE SONGS FROM MASS? 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!



FR. GREG BOYLE, SJ / HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES LECTURE

In 1986, when Homeboy Industries' founder, Fr. Gregory Boyle, SJ became pastor of Dolores Mission Church, it was the poorest Catholic parish in Los Angeles. The parish included Aliso Village and Pico Gardens, then the largest public housing projects west of the Mississippi. They also had the highest concentration of gang activity. That was saying something, given Los Angeles' reputation as the gang capital of the world.

At the time, law enforcement tactics of suppression and criminal justice policies of mass incarceration were the prevailing means to deal with gang violence. But where others only saw criminals, Father Greg saw people in need of help. Today, Homeboy Industries is the largest gang intervention, rehabilitation and re-entry program in the world.

Each year Homeboy Industries welcomes thousands of people through their doors seeking to transform their lives. Whether joining their 18-month employment and re-entry program or seeking discrete services such as tattoo removal or substance abuse resources, their clients are embraced by a community of kinship and offered a variety of free wraparound services to facilitate healing and growth. In addition to serving almost 7,000 members of the immediate Los Angeles community in 2018, Homeboy Industries' flagship 18-month employment and re-entry program was offered to over 400 men and women.

Creighton University recently hosted Fr. Boyle as their Keynote Speaker for their Mission Week. You can watch his lecture [here](#).

You also may be familiar with Fr. Boyle's book *Tattoos on the Heart*.

COMMUNITY

A NITE LITES SPONSOR!



CHANGING LIVES THROUGH MATH!

Interested in a part-time job?
Retired, empty nesters, college, Jr. or Sr. high schooler, our math learning center environment is fun, supportive and encouraging. Applicants should have a passion for math, love teaching, motivate students to succeed, and a good understanding of math skills through Algebra 1.
Text, TUTOR to 484848

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. We have been sending out important information you need to know, 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@divinemercynorthshore.org or call our temporary office number: 847-881-6664. THANK YOU!



FINANCE

EASTER DONATIONS

During this Easter season, we encourage you to either mail in your donations or donate via Give Central through this link:

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/205/event/4265>

As you might imagine, Easter provides Divine Mercy with significant offertory income. And rest assure that the Give Central site is safe and secure.



Easter Collection

Last year, for example, we received just over \$90,000 in collection income for Easter. Of that total, only \$3,200, or 3.5%, was donated electronically. This year, we again set an Easter budget of \$90,000 based on prior giving patterns, and obviously well before this current crisis. If you are able, we are grateful for your

continued generous support of our parish during this time. Please prayerfully consider an Easter gift to Divine Mercy parish.

You can also mail checks to our main parish office: Divine Mercy Parish, 1077 Tower Road, Winnetka, IL 60093. Thank you!

FINANCES AT A GLANCE AS OF APRIL 26, 2020

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

YTD 2019-2020 Sunday Collection \$836,641

(Online this week \$6,293)

(Received in the mail \$14,400)

YTD 2018-2019 Sunday Collection \$901,708

Easter 2020 Collection - to date \$91,904

Our Goal is \$90,000

Thank you for helping us reach our Easter goal! We are so grateful to you for your unending support!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/PREP)

As we enter this blessed month of May, may we pause to reflect on our wonderful Mother Mary. We have sent you ideas on how you can honor Mary at home with your children. We so wish we could be together to celebrate our traditional May Crowning on this day, but perhaps we can take this time to talk to our children about Mary's deep faith and love for God and her beloved son Jesus. During her life, Mary faced many challenges and hardships, and she met each of them with grace and dignity. "Gentle mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom, teach us love."
May God bless you and your families now and always!



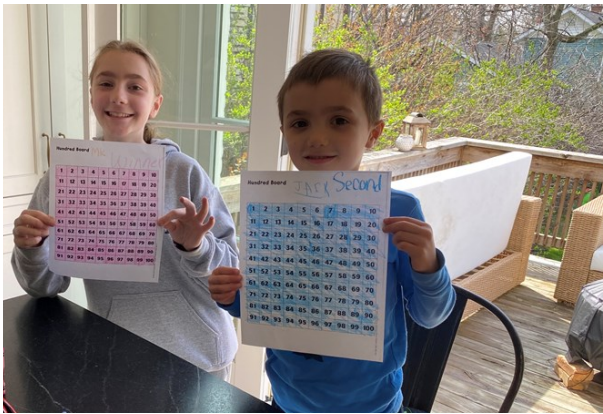
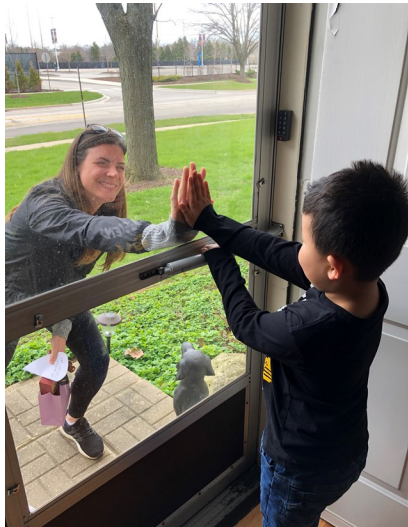
*Hail Mary,
Full of Grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit
Of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of our death.
Amen.*



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



Ms. McShane went out for socially distanced home visits with her JKers!! SO FUN!!!



Here are some of the best kindergarten E-learners around!



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, 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.
John Conley, husband of Margaret Mary Conley and father of
Therese Romano (Michael), Jim Conley (Sally) and
Paul Conley (Carisa)

MASS INTENTIONS

All Mass Intentions offered at Sacred Heart Church and St. Philip the Apostle Church for the past and coming week will be offered at the Saturday Livestream Mass at 5:00 p.m.

SACRED HEART & ST. PHILIP FOR LAST WEEK (April 27 - May 2):

Carol Kane, Antonio and Rose Barone, Megan Starsiak, Lourdes Mariano, Marta Segura (Birthday Blessings), The Coradini Family, Mary Joyce DiCola, Blessings for all unborn children, and John F. Flynn, Jr.

SACRED HEART & ST. PHILIP FOR THIS WEEK (May 3 - May 10):

Badria Hannawa, Stephen Schmid, Grace Anderson, John Klemmer and John F. Flynn, Jr.

SACRED HEART & ST. PHILIP FOR NEXT WEEK (May 11 - May 17):

Frank and Teresa D'Astici, Joyce Ward, Geraldine O'Brien, Rae Fritz, Grace Anderson, Genevieve Conway, Parishioners of Divine Mercy Parish, Charlotte Nash, and John F. Flynn, Jr.



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:

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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