



DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

NOVEMBER 8, 2020 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Resplendent and unfading is Wisdom,
And she is readily perceived by those who love her,
And found by those who seek her.
Wisdom 6:12



Help Us by Making Your Reservations for Christmas Mass Now!
Visit our Website to Make Reservations, or call the Parish Office at 847-881-6664.

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

NEW ENCYCLICAL

Pope Francis recently released a new encyclical letter. This is the highest form of papal teaching, a letter addressed to the all the bishops and to the whole world. His latest is entitled *Fratelli Tutti: On Fraternity and Social Friendship*.

In the daily posts which I prepare and which lead off the e-blasts sent out to all our subscribers, I am highlighting excerpts from this encyclical from November 9 through 14. They are meant to raise interest in the pope's thinking.

The best way to familiarize yourself with the encyclical is to read the entire letter for yourself. All the papal documents, including this encyclical letter, are available on the website of the Holy See. When you open up the homepage of the Holy See, you'll see the word "Encyclicals." Click on that and choose the language you wish to use in reading *Fratelli Tutti*. Enjoy!

CONFESSIONS

This past Saturday, I sat in church to hear confessions from 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. I was able to get in some "catch up" reading as I was waiting. No one availed themselves of the scheduled time period for confessions that day. So I got in a lot of reading.

I am hoping that it's simply a matter of not knowing we are holding confessions on Saturday mornings, hence my writing about it in this column.

I'm not convinced that there is a "best time" for confessions that will fit everyone's schedule. What works for one person won't for another. By the way, we do also offer confessions at St. Philip Church from 3:00 - 4:30 pm on Wednesday afternoons which gets quite a line of people waiting to go.

I know that when we reopened for church activities we were getting a



handful of people on Saturday mornings. Since then, that handful has tapered off. We'll keep offering to hear confessions on Saturday mornings. It's nice and quiet in church at that time, very peaceful and conducive to pouring out your heart to God. See you then. Or perhaps I should say, "Hear you, then!"

CHRISTMAS MASS RESERVATIONS!

You read that right! We need your help in determining if we have planned a sufficient number of Christmas Masses for all to attend while maintaining social distancing protocols. We'd like for you to visit our website (www.divinemercynorthshore.org) and make your reservation now if at all possible. Here is the current schedule:

Christmas Eve, December 24

3:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Church

3:00 p.m. St. Philip Church

3:00 p.m. St. Philip Church - 25 DRIVE-IN SPOTS: FM RADIO/LIVESTREAM & HOLY COMMUNION BROUGHT TO YOUR CAR

5:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Church

5:00 p.m. St. Philip Church

9:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Church

Christmas Day, December 25

9:00 a.m. St. Philip Church

10:30 a.m. Sacred Heart Church



OFFERING ENVELOPES

Dear Divine Mercy Parishioners,

Several of you have recently brought to our attention that your offering envelopes are not arriving by mail in a timely manner. We have discussed this matter both with Overt, the envelope printing and mailing service provider, and with our local mail carrier. At this point, we can only attribute the delays of inconsistency with the USPS. As an alternative to the traditional envelopes, we encourage you to sign up for on-line giving via Give Central. Please visit our website (click [here](#)) and do so today! It's easy, secure, environmentally-friendly, and reliable! Thank you for your support of our parish.

Michelle Wasielewski
Director of Operations

ADULT FORMATION



Peter Beale-DelVecchio
CEO, Marillac St. Vincent Family Services

The Poor You Will Always Have With You, and Other Misunderstood Concepts

Peter will help us better understand the Church's "preferential option for the poor". He will discuss the many reasons people fall into poverty, the challenges they face, the role of government and private assistance, and how we can best be part of the solution.

Peter Beale-DelVecchio has served as CEO of Marillac St. Vincent since April 2018. Peter has dedicated his career to the non-profit sector, serving as Executive Director at Boys Hope Girls Hope of Chicago and as Director of Development at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School. **Pete's early career was in youth ministry at Saints Faith Hope and Charity Catholic Parish (1994-2004)**, and he is an alumnus of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. Peter has a B.A. in psychology from the College of the Holy Cross and an M.B.A. in Public and Non-Profit Management from Northwestern University's J. L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management. He lives in Chicago with his wife, Jacqueline, who teaches Middle School Religion at Sacred Heart Schools in Chicago, and their three children, Patrick (19 – Seattle University), Nathan (18 – Northside College Prep), and Madeline (14 – Josephinum Academy).

**Thursday,
November 12**

7:00 – 8:00 PM

**By Zoom
videoconference**

*"Only a gaze transformed
by love can enable the
dignity of others to be
recognized and, as a
consequence, the poor to
be acknowledged and
valued in their dignity,
respected in their identity
and culture and thus truly
integrated into society."*

**Pope Francis
Fratelli Tutti**

**To register contact
Pam Coster at
pcoster@gmail.com**

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER

We need to look at our cities with a contemplative gaze, a gaze of faith which sees God dwelling in homes, on the streets and squares. This presence must be found, discovered. God does not hide himself from those who seek him with a sincere heart.



RESPECT LIFE PRAYER

That those who work for peace and struggle for justice will bring the message of salvation to our world, we pray to the Lord.

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 at megan@divinemercynorthshore.org

OUTREACH: CHRISTMAS SHARING WITH OUR SHARING PARISHES

CHRISTMAS SHARING IS BACK! NEW THIS YEAR: THE GREAT GIFT CARD CHALLENGE!



It's that time already! Christmas Sharing with St. Benedict the African and St. Columbanus returns. Given the pandemic, we know the need is greater than ever. We also know we need to do things a little differently this year, so here are the details!

You'll no longer see gift tags on the Christmas Tree at St. Philip or the bulletin board at Sacred Heart so we can comply with Archdiocesan Coronavirus guidelines. We've worked with our sharing parishes to determine what their parishioners need most, and the easiest way to make their Christmas dreams come true. As a result, we created the **Great Gift Card Challenge!**

We've created a Christmas Sharing page on our website, where you can "sign up" for one or more gift cards that will be distributed to the parishioners of St. Benedict the African and St. Columbanus. Here's what to do next:

- 1) Sign-up for a gift card on our website ([click here](#)) or call the parish office at 847-881-6664 if you don't have access to a computer.**
- 2) Purchase the gift card at your favorite store (in person or online)
- 3) Place gift card(s) in an envelope marked "Christmas Sharing (fill in the name of the Sharing Parish)" (Please include verification slips.)
- 4) Drop it at Mass, or at the parish office at Sacred Heart Church, or send them via snail mail to:
Divine Mercy Parish
1077 Tower Rd.
Winnetka, IL 60093
Attn: Christmas Sharing

DEADLINES:

- We ask that all gift cards for **St. Columbanus** be delivered to Divine Mercy by **Tuesday, December 8th** (one month from today) so they can be delivered to them in time for their Christmas distribution.
- All gifts cards for **St. Benedict the African** will be accepted up until **Wednesday, January 6th**, the feast of the Epiphany. Two deliveries to St. Benedict will take place: one before Christmas, and one after. St. Benedict prefers to distribute the gift cards through out the year to parishioners in need.

**You'll notice the gifts cards are different for each Sharing Parish. The larger amounts on St. Columbanus replaces the multitude of gifts that have been purchased for each family in the past. The variety of stores and amounts for St. Benedict reflect their needs throughout the entire year (not just at Christmas).

So let's try to make life a bit easier for our friends at St. Benedict the African and St. Columbanus! We thank you for participating in the Great Gift Card Challenge! Our sharing parishes are so grateful for your generosity!!

OUTREACH



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

THE LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR PROGRAM CONTINUES!

Again, many thanks to all of our LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR volunteers! Your calls, notes, and running of errands, has been a great help and morale booster.

Parishioners have had groceries delivered, as well as received on-going check in calls. As a result, new friendships have been formed and parish history has been shared from generation to generation. Some of our volunteers have been actively contacting parishioners for six months!

As we approach the colder months and the virus continues, we have volunteers ready to help. If you need assistance or would like a regular check-in call, please contact Maureen Valvassori at mvalvassori@divinemercynorthshore.org or 847-881-6664. We will connect you to one of our volunteers. We are truly blessed to have each other during this challenging time.

God bless you all!



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

THANKSGIVING AT ST. COLUMBANUS

Things may be different this year, but the need is still the same, if not greater. Divine Mercy parishioners have a tradition of helping out at the St. Columbanus Food Pantry the day before Thanksgiving, and that has not changed! Volunteers are limited this year, and fortunately (or unfortunately), **all the available volunteer slots are full.** How wonderful is that?!

Many thanks to all those who signed up to volunteer so quickly! The St. Columbanus Food Pantry is grateful for your help. If you did sign up and need to cancel, please be sure to do so online, so spots open up for other interested volunteers.

They still need TURKEYS! →→→→→



TURKEYS, TURKEYS, TURKEYS!

Each year, the St. Columbanus Food Pantry distributes turkeys to its Pantry clients for Thanksgiving. This year is no different, except for how the turkeys are being funded.

In years past, the Children's Ministry Families have raised money for the Turkeys. Since Children's Ministry essentially is meeting virtually this year, we thought we'd better open up the Turkey fundraising to the entire parish, so these families don't go without their turkeys!

If you're able to donate towards the cost of a turkey for the St. Columbanus Food Pantry, you can click [here](#) to visit the St. Columbanus online Give Central portal, where you'll find a link for **Turkeys for Thanksgiving**. You can make a direct and safe online donation here to St. Columbanus, or you can send in a check made payable to Divine Mercy Parish noting TURKEY on the memo line.

Thank you so much for your generosity! They are truly grateful!



COMMUNITY

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ALPHA GUESTS

We ask that you pray for all the guests who are participating in our fall session of Alpha, particularly this weekend, as they participate in the retreat of the Holy Spirit. We also ask for your prayers for the Alpha Team who are hosting this group of pilgrims on the Alpha journey. Thank you!

JOIN THE VIRTUAL CAFÉ

Join fellow parishioners online on Sunday mornings to get to know each other better and share your thoughts on the homily or readings you heard at Mass. All conversation welcome! The group meets online every Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m., so if you'd like to participate, contact Sue Lehocky at 847-881-6664 or slehocky@divinemercynorthshore.org and she'll put you on the Zoom call! **Join us! Parishioners are having a great time getting to know each other!**

FOLLOW ALONG WITH MASS WITH OUR WORSHIP AID

Just scan this QR code with your smart phone camera to access the worship aid for Mass when you watch online. It also takes you to our parish website page featuring music at Divine Mercy, which you might like to peruse.



FINANCE

Our Parish uses



for online donations

Sign up for online giving at www.givecentral.org



Scan the Code
to Donate!

FINANCES AT A GLANCE AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2020

Finances at a Glance as of November 1, 2020

	Current Year		Last Year	Over (Under) Last Year
	Week	Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date	Year-to Date
Mail/Mass Collection	\$ 6,760	\$ 111,572	\$ 199,805	\$ (88,233)
Online Giving	\$ 7,951	\$ 96,241	\$ 76,683	\$ 19,558
Total Collection	\$ 14,711	\$ 207,813	\$ 276,488	\$ (68,675)
Budget for Sunday Collection	\$ 18,699	\$ 278,673		
Difference	\$ (3,988)	\$ (70,860)		

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

For All The Saints!



Congratulations to all of our 8th graders who selected their saint name and prepared a short video explaining why they picked their particular saint, and what attributes of their saint's life most inspired them. It is wonderful to see our 8th graders begin their journey toward Confirmation, and picking a saint and researching his or her life is an important step in the process. A link to the video will be sent in a parish eblast — if you don't receive our eblasts, send an email with your name, email address and phone to the [parish office](#),

Even in the age of a pandemic, our special All Saint's Day celebration can't be stopped!

A very special thank you to a Children's Ministry parent, Jeff Hartvigsen, who produced the video, sharing his incredible talents and lots of time to get it done. We are grateful to Jeff for all he does for us!

Gratitude...

For our catechists, who have tirelessly trained, been troubleshooting, and continue to tackle all challenges big and small to engage the hearts and minds of our children on Zoom and in person!

For our parents, whose patience and flexibility have helped us get this year off the ground.

For our children, who may have Zoom burnout but still log on and tune in enthusiastically.

For Jon Comstock, whose tech support makes a big difference each and every week!

For our team behind the scenes for all they have done to get our ministry launched during this unusual year. It takes a big village!



7th Grade Mini-Retreat Features Terry Nelson-Johnson

This Sunday, we are privileged to bring our 7th graders face-to-face on Zoom with the acclaimed **Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson**, the founder of Soul Play LLC and a street theologian, educator and storyteller.

Terry's art is the written and spoken word. His passion for narrative theology expresses the yearning of 2,000 years to connect our life stories with **The Story** of the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Through storytelling, poetry, and humor, Terry challenges us to enter more deeply into the mystery of grace, the mystery of spirit, the mystery of God.

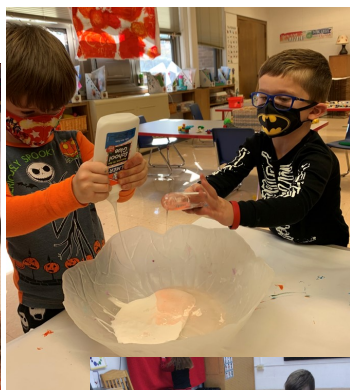
Terry's presentation — **Surprise, surprise, surprise ... sacrament, sacrament, sacrament** — is sure to be inspiring for our children. Listen in if you can. Terry writes:

God is desperate to get to us and when God is successful doing the only thing God wants to do — to get to us — we receive a little bit of God, a little bit of sacrament.

What a gift!



LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL!

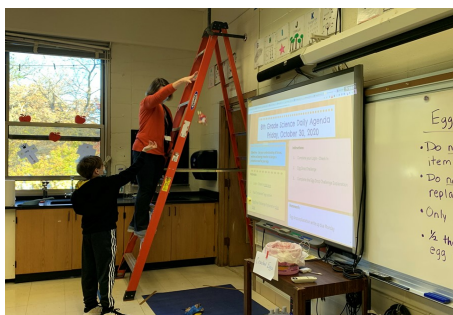


FDJK decorated pumpkins, made slime, played spider toss, and pinned the smile on the skeleton for their Halloween celebration this year! What fun!



We had lots of fun celebrating Halloween in JK! We carved a real pumpkin and used magnifying glasses

and tweezers to explore the inside! We used our fine motor skills to put alphabet nails into the pumpkin. Lastly, for our Halloween party the students searched through some "witches brew" and found spiders and other spooky things! Then we tried to count how many items we found. Even though you can't see our smiles...we had the happiest of Halloweens!



The 8th grade had some fun applying Newton's laws of motion to our yearly egg drop. Though a little different this year, students were challenged to build a protective cage for their eggs using a very slim set of materials to help it "survive" being dropped from ever increasing heights. Unfortunately, acceleration, force and that darn third law got the best of most of the eggs. We did have three students whose designs were solid enough to survive being dropped from 3 meters -- which then meant they got tossed out the science lab window!



Kindergarteners learned about voting. They read three books and then chose the character who would be the best President. They had to register to vote, cast a ballot and then tally the votes to find out who won. Everyone got an official I voted sticker!



PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

November 14, 2020

SACRED HEART CHURCH

5:00 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

November 15, 2020

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE
CHURCH

8:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Dan Cassidy

November 15, 2020

SACRED HEART CHURCH

10:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

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 the various restrictions of nursing homes in the State of Illinois, the constraints of established 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 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,
Irina Anikovich, Donald Blair, Elaine Boback, Dennis Braun,
Wendy Braun, John Dory, Lisa Franke, Paul Greco,
Benjamin Grillo, Jack Hogan, Mario Iturino,
Gina Quirk Lazicki, Beth O'Brien, and Lisa Zitella

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

LECTOR SCHEDULE

November 14, 2020 Sacred Heart Church **5:00 p.m.**
Julie Hartvigsen

November 15, 2020 St. Philip the Apostle Church **8:00 a.m.**
Steve Clingan

November 15, 2020 Sacred Heart Church **10:00 a.m.**
Ludy Mariano

If you are interested in the ministry of Lector at either Sacred Heart or St. Philip the Apostle, please contact Ron Vanasdlen, via email rvanasdlen@divinemercynorthshore.org

If you are able to assist our Greeter ministry, please contact Michelle Wasielewski via email mwasielewski@divinemercynorthshore.org

No other ministers are being scheduled. If you get an email from Ministry Scheduler Pro, please disregard it.

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, November 9 (SH)

7:00 a.m. -

TUESDAY, November 10 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Debbie Farina

WEDNESDAY, November 11 (SH)

8:30 a.m. - Students and Faculty of Sacred Heart School

THURSDAY, November 12 (SH)

7:00 a.m. -

FRIDAY, November 13 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Coles and Berghoff Families

SATURDAY, November 14 (SH)

5:00 p.m. - Genevieve Conway

SUNDAY, November 15

8:00 a.m. (SPA) - Ruth Coyle

10:00 a.m. (SH) - Dorothy Kennedy Oldfield,
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:

FONT STYLE: Corbel

FONT SIZE:

Headlines: 12 (ALL CAPS & BOLD)

Body text: 10

LINE SPACING:

Before and After Paragraphs: opt

Between Lines: 15p

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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