



DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Norman Rockwell's Golden Rule, 1961, Oil on Canvas /
Cover of the Saturday Evening Post on April 1, 1961.

“You shall love
your neighbor
as yourself.”

Romans 13:9

Visit our website for
Mass Reservations or
call the parish office
at 847-881-6664.

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

INNOVATION

That seems to be the name of the game these days. The precautions we take to keep the coronavirus from spreading necessitate innovation in how we engage people in ministry.

I've got a number of initial appointments with engaged couples who have scheduled weddings a year or so from now, but those appointments are all on-line via Zoom. Prior to the pandemic, those appointments were all in person. Now they are virtual. The preparation materials for weddings that I used to hand out to couples in my office are now also on-line.

Thank goodness for technology. Without it we'd be a bit stymied and more isolated than we are now.

Our next parish Alpha course begins this fall. It too will be held in the virtual world via Zoom. The date of the first Alpha session is September 28. If you have not yet experienced Alpha I urge you to try it out. I love the Alpha videos that are shown during the course. They are powerful and moving. They get you thinking. Look for more information in the bulletin regarding Alpha and signing up.

We seem to have gotten the tech stuff sorted out with regard to music at worship. I wrote about that in last week's column. They're still tinkering a bit with the mechanics but at least the musicians' microphones are no longer feeding directly into the Sacred Heart church sound system (which provides more amplification than is necessary).

No doubt once the permanent streaming solution is installed they will have to tinker some more in order to get the multiple systems to work in conjunction with one another properly so that the ear drums of those of us in person in church are not assaulted. The music itself is beautiful and very lively. Thanks, Ron

and all the other musicians who are working hard to enhance our worship of the Lord.

We had to purchase and install a new hot water heater at our Sacred Heart rectory. Thank you! One early morning cold shower was more than enough.

The poor feral cats that live between the church and the rectory were sorely traumatized by all the comings and goings as the new water heater was installed using the outside entrance to the rectory basement (that stairs is located next to their lair). I hope the cats haven't found a new hideout away from here. I want them to be able to continue with their job and keep the church free of critters. Ah well. At least we have hot water again.

CONFIRMATIONS AND FIRST COMMUNIONS

We have celebrated all four Confirmation liturgies and all four First Communion liturgies.

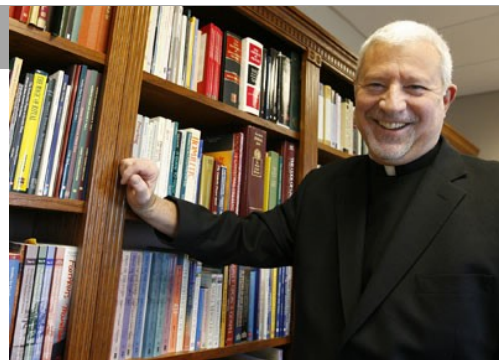
Congratulations to our young people who received those sacraments. Thanks to Kathy Handelman, the Coordinator of Children's Ministry and to all our catechists, teachers, school staff and volunteers who assisted and accompanied these young people in their continuing journey of faith.

There are a handful of outstanding candidates for Confirmation and First Communion. They will celebrate these sacraments at regular weekend Masses over the coming months, usually one candidate per Mass.

REMINDER

If you are trying to reach us by phone please use the temporary office number which is 847 881 6664.

The "regular" phone number still works but no one is on hand to



answer it. We'll pick up messages you leave on the regular number, which sometimes results in a lag in getting back to you.

For a more prompt response, use the temporary number listed above. Thanks!

LOOKING FOR THE WORSHIP AID FOR OUR WEEKEND MASS SO YOU CAN FOLLOW ALONG?

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.



You may access today's Worship Aid using this QR Code Reader.

Come early to the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturdays at Sacred Heart Church and enjoy listening to the new praise and worship music. **The prelude begins at 4:45 p.m. with the livestream. Join us!**

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

RESPECT LIFE PRAYER

That the memory of terrorist attacks will renew in us the resolve to work for peace in our world, our communities, our families, and our hearts, we pray to the Lord.

MEN'S RETREAT: OCT 9-11th The Beatitudes: Turning Challenges Into Blessings

Father Matt Linn, S.J. will lead a group of men in finding "The Beatitudes: Turning Challenges Into Blessings". The group will explore what Jesus meant in preaching the Beatitudes, how He lived them, and how Jesus empowers us to find happiness and blessings in our struggles.

If you're interested in attending this Men's Retreat, scheduled for October 9th - 11th, it's imperative you make reservations as soon as possible. Why? Under normal circumstances there would be 70-80 retreatants on a weekend at Bellarmine Hall. They now limit it to 37 retreatants in order to maintain social distancing. Thus, we encourage anyone who might be interested to go online to www.JesuitRetreat.org and make a reservation as soon as possible. You may also call Therese Larsen at 847-381-1261. A \$100 deposit will secure your place on the retreat.

For your information, masks are required, but may be removed when in your own private room or while alone outdoors. Cleaning by their staff takes place not just at the end of each retreat, but also in the middle of the weekend to minimize risk. Meals are served in place by staff rather than the usual self-serve procedure.

Each retreatant has a private room, and the meals are wonderful. There is plenty of time for private prayer, meditation and consultation with spiritual directors, as well as multiple opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Reservations are required!

Details:

Arrive Friday, Oct. 9th between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Departure is Sunday, Oct. 11th at Noon.

Location:

Bellarmino Hall
420 County Line Road
Barrington, IL.

Suggested retreat contribution is \$300 per person. A deposit of \$100 secures your place on the retreat.

POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER



A #JubileeForTheEarth is a good time to remember creation's original vocation to exist as a community of love. We exist only in relationships: with God the Creator, with our brothers and sisters, and with all of God's creatures within our common home.

SCHEDULE FOR MASSES

Mass is currently being offered on Saturdays at 5:00pm at Sacred Heart Church (our livestream Mass, which can be seen on our website www.divinemer McNorthshore.org) or 8:00am at St. Philip the Apostle Church.

Our Daily Mass Schedule is as follows:
Monday - 7:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart
Tuesday - 8:00 a.m. at St. Philip
Thursday - 7:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart
Friday - 8:00 a.m. at St. Philip.
Note, there is no Mass on Wednesday or Saturday mornings.

You must make a reservation to attend any Mass. Click [here](#) to visit our Mass Reservation page on our website:

www.divinemer McNorthshore.org.

And remember, **PLEASE ARRIVE AT MASS EARLY TO CHECK-IN**, which allows for our volunteers to attend Mass as well.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



5 BEHAVIORS TO KEEP US SAFE

As a member of
our community, **I will...**

1. **Wear a mask**
2. **Keep my distance**
3. **Wash and sanitize my hands**
4. **Stay home if I am sick**
5. **Get tested if I exhibit symptoms**

...because protecting others
in our community is
my responsibility, too.

CHURCH & OFFICE HOURS

Our office remains closed, and the churches are only open during designated times for Mass and Confessions.

The dispensation from attending Mass is in place until the end of the year per the Archdiocese of Chicago.

CONFESSIONS: You do not need to make a reservation for Confession. It is available on Saturday mornings from 9 - 9:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, and Fr. Javier Del Castillo offers confessions at St. Philip the Apostle Church on Wednesday afternoons from 3-4:30 p.m.

Have questions? 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.

ALPHA

JOIN US FOR ALPHA ONLINE

We invite you to take a break from scrolling and try Alpha, a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith.

What is Alpha?

Alpha is an opportunity to explore the big questions of life. What is my purpose? What happens when I die? Why is there suffering?

Who's it for?

Absolutely anybody.

How does it work?

Each session includes a short video followed by a chance to share thoughts and ideas on the topic, and discuss in a small group. There's no obligation to say anything, there's nothing you can't say (seriously) and there's no such thing as a silly question. It's an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment.

In normal times we would love to invite you to meet together before each session for a meal. Sadly, we can't do that at the moment so you'll have to grab a cup of coffee or your preferred refreshment and join us online via Zoom! Don't worry about the technology – all you need is a computer (ideally with a camera), tablet or a smartphone.

We believe that Alpha is a key component of what the future holds for us as we build our new reality as Divine Mercy Parish. It's a wonderful opportunity to get to know others in our faith community.

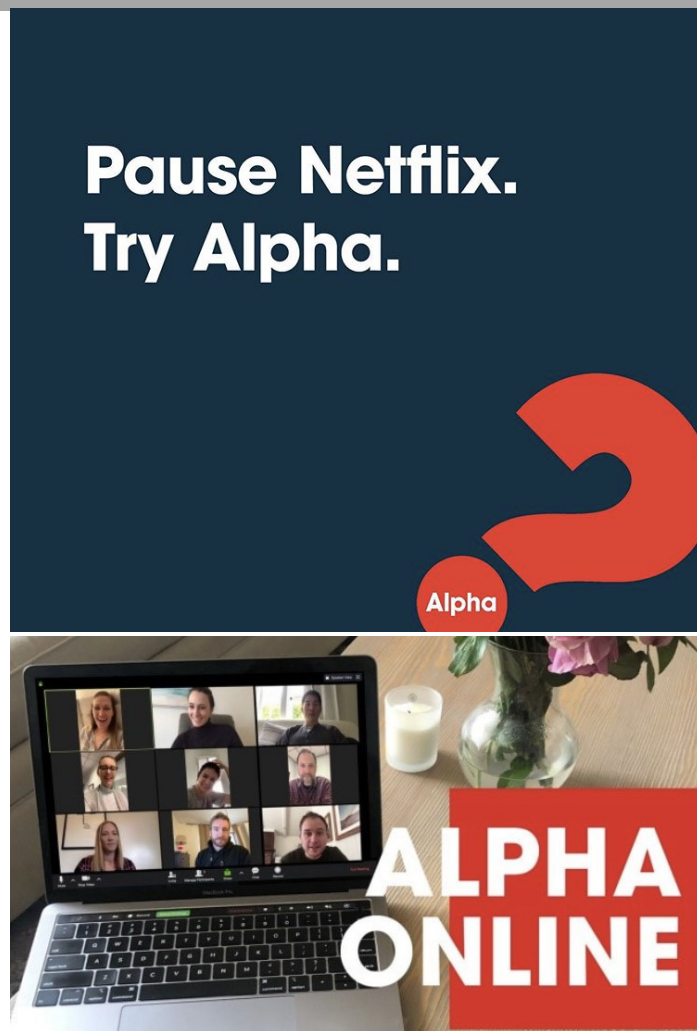
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Catholic or not...

Practicing or not...

Or simply curious.

TRY ALPHA!



ALPHA AT DIVINE MERCY PARISH

STARTING: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH AT 7:00 P.M.

Location: The most comfortable spot in your home!

INTERESTED? Contact: Sue Lehocky at
slehocky@divinemercynorthshore.org
or call us at 847-881-6664 or 847-446-0856.

TRY ALPHA!

**Some of our previous
Alpha attendees.**

Our website is
www.divinemercynorthshore.org

**Our temporary telephone
number is 847-881-6664.**

ALPHA

PARISHIONERS SHARE ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE WITH ALPHA:

If you yearn for greater purpose and meaning in your every day, consider trying Alpha. After the first gathering, you will sense the potential impact on your life. For me, it was an unexpected and profound gift!

Aimee G.

I so enjoyed our small group sessions. It was a place to share, support, and strengthen the bonds of our Catholic Community.

Dona C.

I had no idea what to expect but was pleasantly surprised. It helped me review my faith on another level and talk with others about it. I also was very surprised about the number of fellow Parishioners that attended.

George K.

ALL OF US MUST

invite

TO HAVE A CHURCH

Jesus' final command before ascending to heaven, is to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:19). It's known as the Great Commission, not "the really good suggestion". Why? Because Jesus entrusted his disciples with a partnership in the salvation of the world. The transmission of the Gospel message depends on **US**. Jesus is counting on us to reach a particular person or persons with the message of His love and redemption. But how do we go about this?

Just invite.

Inviting someone to come to Mass might be a little too intimidating for someone who is unfamiliar with liturgy. But inviting them to a Zoom gathering? That's easy. Non-threatening. They'll be greeted by really friendly people who are glad they came. They'll watch a video on the very basics of the Christian faith, then have a chance to discuss it with a small group. And any and all questions and comments are welcome! Seriously. At Alpha, everyone gets a chance to voice their thoughts and be heard, without judgement. Alpha is a place to have a meaningful conversation, and to explore the biggest questions of faith. It's a welcoming place to begin a journey that will change a life forever.

WHO WILL YOU INVITE?

FINANCE

Our Parish uses



for online donations

Sign up for online giving at
www.givecentral.org



Scan the Code to Donate!

COMMUNITY

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!

FINANCES AT A GLANCE AS OF AUGUST 30, 2020

YTD 2020-2021 Sunday Collection \$104,454

(Online this week \$4,236)

(Received by mail / Mass collection \$4,475)

YTD 2019-2020 Sunday Collection \$143,626

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!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Please consider joining the other parishes in our grouping for this wonderful adult formation opportunity. You can register for the video conference here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aadab29abfa7-srhelen>



SISTER HELEN PREJEAN, CSJ

Ss. Faith Hope & Charity and Ss. Joseph and Francis Xavier parishes are honored to host a talk by Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ entitled

FAITH ALIVE FOR JUSTICE: **The Church as Field Hospital for the Wounded of Society**

Sister Helen is known around the world for her tireless work against the death penalty. She has been instrumental in sparking national dialogue on capital punishment and in shaping the Catholic Church's vigorous opposition to all executions. Sister Helen's first book, *Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States*, ignited a national debate on capital punishment and inspired an Academy Award winning movie, a play and an opera.

Sister Helen continues her work, dividing her time between educating the public, campaigning against the death penalty, counseling individual death row prisoners, and working with murder victims' family members.

www.faithhope.org

www.ssjfx.org

Sunday,

September 20

3:00 p.m.

**By
videoconference**

***"People are more
than the worst
thing they have
ever done in their
lives."***

Sr. Helen Prejean

To register, go to
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aadab29abfa7-srhelen>

You will be sent the
conference link.
Questions? Marilyn Valko
at mjvalko@yahoo.com

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/PREP)

Celebrating Confirmation!

We were blessed to celebrate a fourth Confirmation last weekend. Enjoy these photos of our beautiful liturgy and our wonderful Confirmandi and their families on their special day.



Register Today for Children's Ministry!

Registration closes soon for the 2020-2021 year of Children's Ministry. While current circumstances continue to evolve, we nonetheless know that we all need faith **more than ever** and we are committed to delivering a safe, innovative, engaging faith formation program for you and your children.

Please click [here](#) to register for Children's Ministry. We are waiving all late fees but **all children must be registered by Tuesday, September 8** so we have adequate time to prepare materials. Please register now! Here are some specifics to our plan:

- In-person or online beginning on October 4, 2020, for all children, with a Family Mass and Materials Pickup Party, thereby enabling you to get your children settled in school in September (Note: 8th Grade will start in-person on Sunday, September 20)
- We will feature: Family Masses, Service Sundays, and Zoom classes taught by our outstanding, experienced catechists. Our goal is to build faith, community and engaged hearts!

Please call 847-881-6664 or email khandelman@divinemercynorthshore.org with questions.

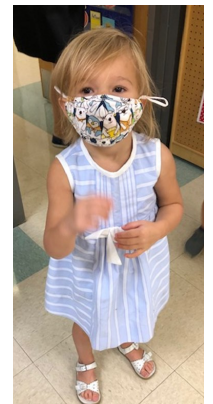


LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL!



WE DID IT!

Our first week of in person learning is in the books! Thank you to all the students and their parents for adhering to the many new safety procedures and protocols here at school. We are so happy to have our students back in the building!



PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

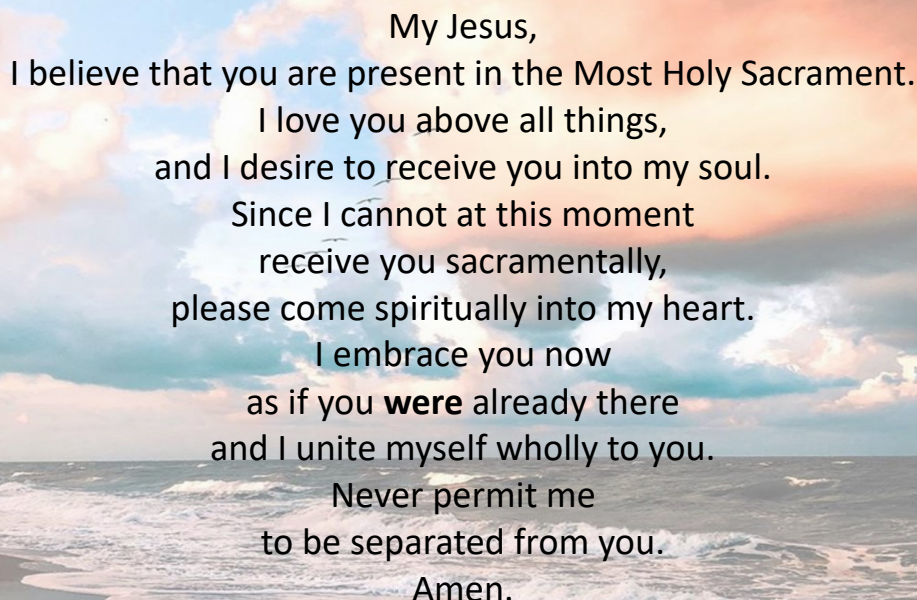
PRESIDER SCHEDULE

September 12, 2020
SACRED HEART CHURCH
5:00 p.m.
Presider: Fr. Lanza

September 13, 2020
ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE
CHURCH
8:00 a.m.
Presider: Fr. Cassidy

With joy, we publish the **Banns of Marriage** between Elizabeth Anne Clarke, Divine Mercy Parish and Matthew Joseph Mastriano, St. James Parish, Red Bank, N.J. The prayers of our faith community celebrate with them as they prepare for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

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. We strongly encourage our homebound parishioners to participate in our livestream Mass at 5:00 p.m., which can be found on the homepage of our website at www.divinemercynorthshore.org.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

LECTOR SCHEDULE

September 12, 2020 Sacred Heart Church
5 p.m. Julie Hartvigsen

September 13, 2020 St. Philip the Apostle Church
8 a.m. Liz Harvey

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.

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, 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, Benjamin Grillo, Philip Hall, Laura Hendricks, John Hoerster, Nancy Holihan, Mario Iturino, The Jatis Family, Becky Jones, Philip Jones, Edward Kennedy, Ginny Kunkel, Gina Quirk Lazicki, Drew Mans, Jackson Mans, Beth O'Brien, Sally O'Malley, Joe Pellegrino, Ennio Rossi, Mary Sabo, Donna Sabido, Dick Schager, 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.

Anne Lesniak
Lorayne Cascino

MASS INTENTIONS

Given the temporary schedule of Masses, all Mass Intentions for Wednesdays will be shifted to Thursdays, while all other Mass Intentions will remain on the designated day.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK AT BOTH SACRED HEART AND ST. PHILIP

MONDAY, September 7 (SH)

7:00 a.m. - Matthew Madden
(Birthday Blessings)

TUESDAY, September 8 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Mario Iturino

WEDNESDAY, September 9

Currently No Mass, Intentions shift to Thursdays

THURSDAY, September 10 (SH)

7:00 a.m. - Stephen Schmid and
Rosemary Quintiliani Hoffman

FRIDAY, September 11 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - The victims of 9/11

SATURDAY, September 12 (SH)

5:00 p.m. - The Coradini Family &
Parishioners of Divine Mercy Parish

SUNDAY, September 13 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Patrick James Hardy and
Parishioners of Divine Mercy Parish

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: 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 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.

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