CITY CENTER PARISHES

EPIPHANY, ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR, ST. MARY OF MERCY, ST. PATRICK-ST. STANISLAUS

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Blessings on this Joyous Easter Day! May your heart be filled with the Love of the Risen Christ as we begin the Celebration of this Easter Season.
~The City Center Parishes Clergy and Staff

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it." Psalm 118:24

A Message from Fr. Chris—

Happy Easter! My prayer for each one of you is to receive many blessings during this Easter season. One way that I offer my support in helping you to encounter the love of Jesus, is through the subscription to FORMED.ORG. This site is filled with so many resources that are good for the entire family. Every book, talk, movie and study is designed to help you deepen your faith in order to grow closer to Christ. I urge you to take advantage of this gift.

To register for an account, visit divinemercypgh.formed.org. This will take you directly to our parish's account. From there, you will be asked to create your own account with a username and password. This will allow you to gain access to all that FORMED.ORG has to offer.

If you need a code to register, our code is TQJ97V.

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God bless you and your family.

In the Merciful Heart of Jesus,
Fr. Chris

Becoming One
~Under the Protection of the Merciful Jesus~

Last week, there was an insert in the bulletin outlining a proposal from the diocese which will directly affect our grouping. The proposal will restructure our grouping as it is right now, creating a new grouping of shrine parishes. Grouping 110, will consist of Epiphany, st. Benedict the Moor and St. Mary of Mercy. This grouping will still work toward merging together to become one parish.

The proposal has the parish of St. Patrick-St. Stanislaus Kostka becoming a part of a new grouping that will consist of 4 shrine parishes: Immaculate Heart of Mary, Most Holy Name of Jesus, St. Nicholas, and St Patrick – St. Stanislaus. The exact timeline of the change in Groupings is undetermined. The expectation of the diocese is the change will go into effect by July 1, 2019, or sooner.

As always, we will keep you updated as we receive new information. We will continue on this journey together, opening ourselves up to prayer and our Lord's holy will. May we all grow closer to the heart of Jesus as we walk this path together.

Praying for God's Peace in our hearts

Dolores Shipe

Mass intentions

Our 2019 Mass Book is open. A Mass intention, or requesting to have a Mass "offered" for an intention, is an ancient tradition of the church. The priest celebrating the Mass, will offer the Mass for a particular intention. As a church, we can request specific intentions for several reasons, including in Thanksgiving for a particular grace, a prayer for the living or for the repose of the soul of a loved one.

Parish News

Welcome to our parish family

Mr. and Mrs. Gary and Lori Kroner
(St. Patrick-St. Stanislaus)

Parish Offices Closed - All parish offices will be closed on Easter Monday, April 22.

Pope St. John Paul II said, *"In the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice, the Church prays that God, the Father of mercies, will grant His children the fullness of the Holy Spirit so that they may become one body and one spirit in Christ."*

Please contact your parish office by stopping in, calling the secretary or by visiting our website at www.divinemercypgh.org. Mass intentions can be found on our website under "Our Churches".

An Easter Reflection by Nathan Wigfield

"On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalen cometh early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulcher; and she saw the stone taken away from the sepulcher."

It has been said that John writes his Gospel as a "new Genesis." Like the first book of the Bible, the Gospel according to St John begins with the words "*in the beginning*." Then, corresponding to each day of creation, John tells us that Jesus performed seven "signs". Lastly, just as God declared His creative work to be finished and rested on the seventh day, so Jesus declared his work to be finished from the Cross and rested in the sleep of death.

But our Gospel for Easter Sunday tells us that it is the *first day of the week when it was yet dark*. John wants us to know that it is now the first day of a new Genesis (or a new creation). *The old things are passed away, behold all things are made new*. And just as in Genesis there was *darkness upon the face of the deep* before God ever said "*Let there be light*," now there is darkness at the tomb of Jesus – the Word who alone can bring light out of darkness.

But the tomb is empty. At the precise moment we expect to see Jesus risen in glory, all we have is an empty tomb and some linen cloths along with a shroud. It is not yet granted to the Lord's disciples to see the risen body of Jesus. However, we are told that when the disciple whom Jesus loved went into the tomb *he saw and believed*.

In the darkness of that early morning the light that came from the Holy Sepulcher was the light of faith that shone forth from the heart of the disciple whom Jesus loved. As it was for him on that first Easter, may our celebration of Easter serve to increase our faith! May the Lord enliven our hearts with the truth that the tomb is empty. A new creation has begun. The darkness of death and sin have been overcome by the light of the True Faith. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia

St. Faustina

Congregation of Sisters of Merciful Jesus

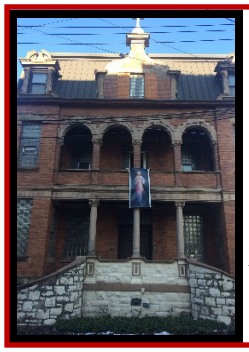
Reflection for the week

Bl. Michael Sopocko

The Feast of The Divine Mercy. It ranks highest among all the elements of The Divine Mercy devotion revealed to St. Faustina. Its institution was requested by the Lord Jesus for the first time in Plock, in 1931, while He was communicating His will regarding the painting of the Image: "I desire that there be a Feast of Mercy. I want this image, which you will paint with a brush, to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy" (Diary, 49).

The choice of the first Sunday after Easter for the Feast of Mercy has a very deep theological significance, which points to the close relationship between the Paschal Mystery of the redemption and the mystery of The Divine Mercy. The integral relationship is further emphasized by the Novena of Chaplets to The Divine Mercy which begins on Good Friday as a preparation for the Feast. This feast is not only a day in particular for worshipping God in His mystery of mercy, but also a time of grace for all people. The Lord Jesus said: "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners" (Diary, 699). "Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation, that is, recourse to My Mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity" (cf. Diary, 965, 998).

"Tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy" (Diary of St. Faustina) #699)



Divine Mercy Center

57 21st St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

The Divine Mercy Center is located across from St. Stanislaus Church.

Divine Mercy Center Schedule

Holy Mass at 9am in honor of Our Lady!
Saturdays - April 27, May 4, 11, 18, and 25

"The Little Rays"
Saturday, May 11- 1:30pm-3:30pm
Divine Mercy formation program for Children ages 5 to 10

EPIPHANY

~Epiphany Fish Fry ~

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers, who gave so much time, effort and energy to our Fish Fry! There was a lot of work behind the scenes - shopping for food, breading the fish, preparing the food, baking desserts, and more. We would like to offer a very special thank you to Dylan Weller. Dylan took over the organization of the Fish Fry, including the cooking! The results were amazing! Two weeks ago, Mario Lemieux ate at our Fish Fry and gave Dylan the "thumbs up"!

In the upcoming weeks, after all is tallied, there will be a financial report regarding the profits earned from the Fish Fry this year.

Your Stewardship—
Thank you!
Offertory, April 7….$3,460.38
2nd Collection ……....$519.15

Mass Attendance—

April 7	**9am**	**5pm**
	173	**126**

Contribution Letter

If you have not received your end of the year contribution letter, please contact Cindy at the parish office at 412-471-0654 or churchoffice@epiphanychurch.net

Please pray for those who have requested our prayers

Jerry Barry, Laurie Bozik, Robert Dougherty, William Egger, Terri Evans, Katherine Gross, Margaret Hurney, Marva Josie, D.M.K., Barbara Kuhn, F.M.M., Jessie Marsh, Patricia Morra, Daniel Murphy, Dennis Murphy, Justin Murphy, Jean O'Hanlon, Mary Ann Pacini, Clara Jane Roy, Marianne Wisdom Oines, C.Z.R., Sr. Mary Ann Troup, Elsie Urban, Bill Vergot, Derrick Gardener , Leah Lindenfelser, Taylin Clemente

ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

AMERICAN HISTORY—THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

April 21 1977

Lee Elder becomes the first African American professional golfer to qualify for the Masters Tournament. Forty–two years ago, Lee Elder became the first black golfer to play in the US Masters - but when he qualified for the tournament, he received death threats and wondered whether taking part might cost him his life.

Announcements

If you know any sick or shut in desiring a prayer shawl, please contact Rita Costa at 412-276-6639 and leave your name and number.

ATTENDANCE: April 7 - 192

OFFERTORY: $3804.86

Edward Davis (4/21)
Aylisha Morgan-Lee (4-21)
Wilbert Young (4/21)
Roseland Bainum (4/22)
Ivy Melgarejo (4/22)
Claudette McPherson (4/24)
Alice Durham (4/24)
Indira McDonald (4/25)

PRAYER LIST...KEEPING FOLKS BEFORE THE LORD

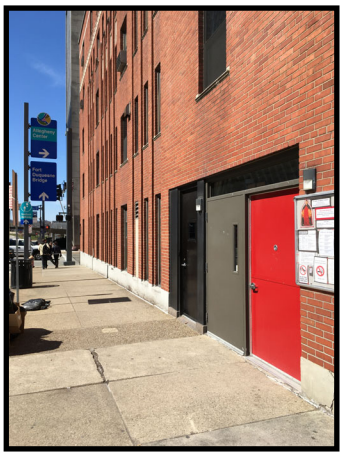
The following request our prayers:

Betty Bell, Gordon Bullard; Edward Davis, Dolores Denton, Carol Derewcz, Patricia Ellis, Debra Foster, Woody Frazier, Ann Fultz, Richard Gazzam, Janet Glass, Brenda Glenn, Helena Harris, Harold G. Heim, Jr., Osaruyi Osasere Igbineweka, Billy Jenkins, Sandra Johnson, Tiffany Livsey, Ruth McCartney, Sherry McGinnis, Betty Muse, David Orlando, Josephine O'Connor, Ira Ritter Sr., Mary Samuels, Genevieve Sanford, Vincent Tucker, Barbara Tucker, Lyle Williams, Leslie Wilson, Regina Zelik, FMM, DMK,
Victims of Abuse

St. Mary of Mercy

"With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all." Acts 4:33

May the Resurrection of our Savior be a constant reminder of His love and promise of eternal life. Happy Easter and God's blessings and peace from the Red Door ministry!



Red Door Ministry: Those in need can receive a bagged lunch Mon-Sat from 10:30a-11:30a. The actual Red Door is located on the Boulevard of the Allies

Television Ministry St. Mary of Mercy's daily 12 pm Mass is televised and can be viewed seven days a week (Mon-Sun) on Comcast 95 in the Greater Pittsburgh area or at *www.christianassociatestv.org*. Pittsburgh's Faith and Family channel also carries it Monday-Saturday.

Weekend 4/6-4/7…….$2014.44
Energy and Maintenance ……$545.55

Weekly Offering

Mass attendance for 4/6-4/7
Saturday, 4 p.m. 220
Sunday, 12 p.m. 98

St. Patrick–St. Stanislaus Kostka

St. Patrick's is open for prayer daily from 9a - 4p

1711 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15222

Offertory—St. Stanislaus April 6/7

Candles: $504.00 Envelopes: 141
Collection: $5856.12
Raise the Roof: $230.00
Parish Share: $187.00
Maintenance: $295.00

Weekly Offering

Second Collections for May

Maintenance Parish Share
Raise the Roof Catholic Relief

Please keep St. Patrick-St. Stanislaus in your will!

Mass Attendance—St. Stanislaus March 30/31

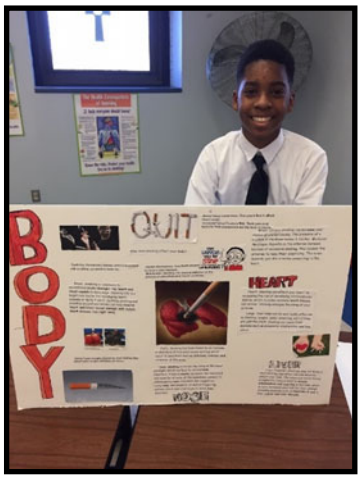
Saturday	5 p.m.	127
Sunday	9 a.m	277
	11 a.m.	211

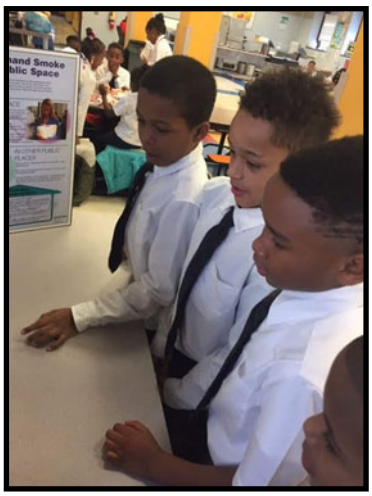
OUR MISSION STATEMENT ***It is the mission of the people of Saint Patrick-Saint Stanislaus Kostka Parish to be ambassadors for Christ. All are welcome in our diverse and historic faith community in the Strip District. We strive to nurture and to grow in the sacramental life and tradition of the Roman Catholic Church. Everything we do is for the greater glory of God.***

St Benedict the Moor School

Friends of St. Benedict the Moor School,

Our 7th and 8th graders led Kick Butts Day at St. Benedict during all lunch periods. Kick Butts Day is a national day of activism that empowers youth to stand out, speak up and seize control against Big Tobacco. Kick Butts Day took place on March 20, 2019, with more than 1,000 events in schools and communities across the United States and even around the world. We are proud of our students for sharing their knowledge about and passion against Big Tobacco with their fellow students!





Your Principal,
Lauren Rudy

MOVE A MOUNTAIN MUSIC FEST
Friday May 3rd 7-11 PM

BUY TICKETS EARLY AND SAVE!
April 1-30: $30 each After May 1: $40 each

Enjoy a great night of music and support Pittsburgh area youth in our annual Mission Trip to Mustard Seed Communities, a home for abandoned children with disabilities in Kingston, Jamaica.

The Octave of Easter

In the Catholic Church, the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord, lasts for eight days. Each day of the Octave is a Solemnity and celebrated as it is a Liturgical Feast. At Mass during the Octave, the Gloria is recited or sung, and at the end of the Mass, at the dismissal, there is a double Alleluia.

The Feast of Divine Mercy, which is celebrated on the Sunday after Easter, ends the Octave of Easter.

O Come Let Us Adore Him!

"How sweet and full of comfort are the moments spent before the Blessed Sacrament! Are you in trouble? Come and throw yourself at his feet." - St. John Vianney

Schedule of Eucharistic Adoration at the City Center Parishes

St. Stanislaus - Divine Mercy Vigil
Every Thursday—7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
During Adoration, there will be the Novena to St. Jude, followed by an hour of Divine Mercy prayers. From 8 p.m. - 10 p.m., there is Silent Adoration.

Divine Mercy Center - Hour of Mercy
Every Friday—3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
The Hour of Mercy is devoted to our Lord in Adoration, praying Divine Mercy prayers with the Sisters of Merciful Jesus.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life Kickoff on Tuesday, March 5th.

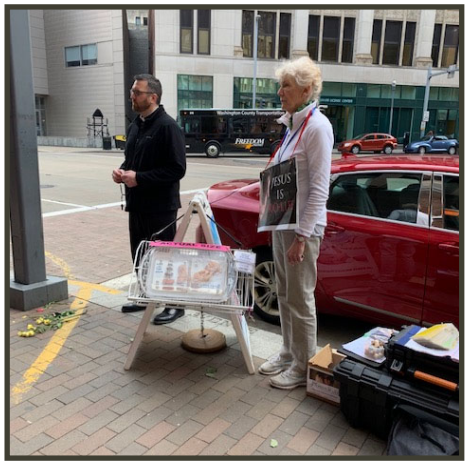
Our parish grouping participated in this beautiful, peaceful and prayerful campaign, praying for an end to abortion. Each Thursday, Fr. Chris, accompanied by a few staff members, parishioners and other friends and family, prayed in front of Planned Parenthood on Liberty Avenue. On the very cold days, the group outside was a prayerful witness. As it warmed up, there were more people walking and engaging in conversation with those outside.

Throughout the campaign, there were celebrations of joy, as women changed their mind about their decision to abort their babies. Some took the literature offered or prayed with the many volunteers. There were also painful moments, angry moments. One man, passed by Planned Parenthood a few times; making the sign of the cross each time, sharing that he lost a baby to abortion.

A rose left outside in memory of babies who have died

No matter if it was joy, sadness or anger, each person who walked in the clinic, was prayed for with love.

Praying for an end to abortion



Divine Mercy Sunday

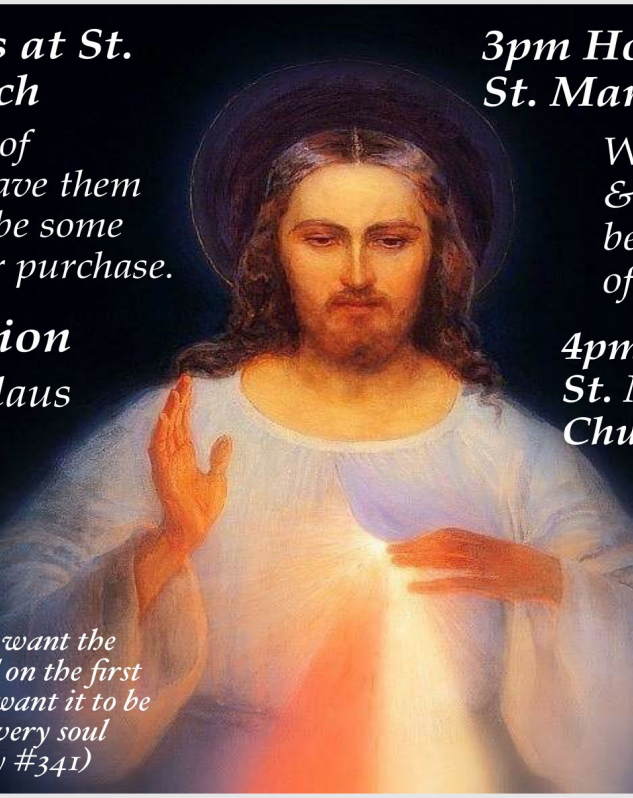
April 28, 2019

City Center Grouping

Day of the Feast

Schedule

Preparation for the Feast with the Divine Mercy Novena begins April 19, 2019



11am Holy Mass at St. Stanislaus Church

Bring your images of Merciful Jesus to have them blessed. There will be some images available for purchase.

1:30pm Procession

From St. Stanislaus Church to St. Mary of Mercy's Church

3pm Hour of Mercy St. Mary of Mercy's Church

With adoration, praise & worship, benediction & blessing of the images.

4pm Special Presentation St. Mary of Mercy's Church

Watch a play about the life of St. Faustina!

4:30pm Fellowship in the hall at St. Mary of Mercy's Church

Jesus said to St. Faustina "I want the image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it." (Diary #341)

Jesus said to St. Faustina regarding Divine Mercy Sunday:
"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment...Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet." (Diary #699)

Confessions will be available during the procession and the Hour of Mercy

Confessions

Epiphany	Mon. & Fri. 11:15-11:45 a.m.
St. Benedict the Moor	Sun. 9:15-9:45 a.m.
St. Mary of Mercy	Mon thru Fri. 11:00-11:45 a.m.
St. Stanislaus Kostka	Sat. 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Novenas

Epiphany St. Rita, Mondays, after 12:05 Mass
Sorrowful Mother Fridays, after 12:05 Mass

St. Mary of Mercy Miraculous Medal, Monday after 12 p.m. Mass

St. Stanislaus Kostka St. Jude, Thursdays at 7 p.m.

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Mass Intentions

Sat, Apr 20	8:30 p.m.	Epiphany	*People of Epiphany*		Fr. Augustine
	8:30 p.m.	St. Benedict the Moor	*People of St. Benedict the Moor*		Fr. Odeyemi
	8:30 p.m.	St. Mary of Mercy	*Salvatore Gaetano DiBacco †*	*By Godmother/Aunt Gracey DeIuliis*	Fr. vaskov
	8:30 p.m.	St. Stanislaus	*People of St. Patrick - St. Stanislaus*		Fr. Donley
Sun, Apr 21	9:00 a.m.	Epiphany	*For the people of Epiphany*		Fr. Hogan
	9:00 a.m.	St. Stanislaus	*People of St. Patrick - St. Stanislaus*		Fr. Pivonka
	10:00 a.m.	St. Benedict the Moor	*Guy Dalton Simmons, Sr.*	*Mr. & Mrs. Moses Simmons*	Fr. Odeyemi
	11:00 a.m.	St. Stanislaus	*People of St. Patrick-St. Stanislaus*		Fr. Donley
	12:00 p.m.	St. Mary of Mercy	*Mildred Koritsky †*	*By Arlene & Bob Arnold*	Msgr. Lengwin
Mon, Apr 22	6:30 a.m.	St. Mary of Mercy	*Poor Souls in Purgatory*		Msgr. Lengwin
	7:30 a.m.	St. Mary of Mercy	*Veronica Staniewicz†*	*By Mike DeVanney*	Fr. vaskov
	7:45 a.m.	St. Stanislaus	*People of St. Patrick-St. Stanislaus*	*By Friends*	Fr. Bryce
	12:00 p.m.	St. Mary of Mercy	*In memory of John & Rita Kokai*	*By daughters*	Fr. Odeyemi
	12:05 p.m.	Epiphany	*Margaret Hurney †*	*By Francis Magnelli*	Fr. McKenna
Tues, Apr 23	6:30 a.m.	St. Mary of Mercy	*Howard H. Morgan, Jr †*	*By Sis*	Msgr. Lengwin
	7:30 a.m.	St. Mary of Mercy	*Arnold Levitt †*	*By Donna Levitt*	Fr. Vaskov
	7:45 a.m.	St. Stanislaus	*People of St. Patrick-St. Stanislaus*		Fr. Welding
	12:00 p.m.	St. Mary of Mercy	*Margaret Majkut †*	*By Children & Grandchildren*	Fr. Ackerman
	12:05 p.m.	Epiphany	*Ed Urban †*	*By Sam & Marilyn Manfredi*	Fr. Odeyemi
Wed, Apr 24	6:30 a.m.	St. Mary of Mercy	*Elizabeth J Vulakovich†*	*By Mike DeVanney*	Fr. Vaskov
	7:30 a.m.	St. Mary of Mercy	*Anna Marie Hunter†*	*By Ralph LaBella*	Msgr. Lengwin
	7:45 a.m.	St. Stanislaus	*Vera Traub*	*By friends*	Fr. Odeyemi
	12:00 p.m.	St. Mary of Mercy	*Elizabeth Bechtold †*	*By Paul & Carolyn*	Fr. Donley
	12:05 p.m.	Epiphany	*Dec'd of Dipofi Family †*	*By Dee DePofi*	Fr. Augustine
Thurs Apr 25	6:30 a.m.	St. Mary of Mercy	*Gertude Hartwick †*	*By Rodgers Family*	Msgr. Lengwin
	7:30 a.m.	St. Mary of Mercy	*Gordon Sean Hamilton †*	*By Mike DeVanney*	Fr. Vaskov
	7:45 a.m.	St. Stanislaus	*People of St. Patrick-St. Stanislaus*		Fr. Kunz
	12:00 p.m.	St. Mary of Mercy	*Kenneth Bonenberger †*	*By Nancy & Bill Bonenberger*	FR. Odeyemi
	12:05 p.m.	Epiphany	*GiuseppeBattaglia †*	*By Battaglia Family*	Fr. Augustine
	12:10 p.m.	St. Patrick's	*Special Intention*	*By Friends of Old St.Patrick*	Fr. Donley
Fri, Apr 26	6:30 a.m.	St. Mary of Mercy	*Joseph Orlick †*	*By Daughter*	Msgr. Lengwin
	7:30 a.m.	St. Mary of Mercy	*Jerry Howell †*		Fr. Vaskov
	7:45 a.m.	St. Stanislaus	*Special Intention*		Fr. Donley
	12:00 p.m.	St. Mary of Mercy	*Marie Donnelly†*	*By Joe Sisca*	Fr. Bryce
	12:05 p.m.	Epiphany	*Howard Burrell †*	*By Mary Burrell*	Fr. McKenna
Sat, Apr 27	12:00 p.m.	St. Mary of Mercy	*Edward Mariani †*	*By Esther & Frank DiPasquale*	Fr. Odeyemi
	2:00 p.m.	St. Stanislaus	*Wedding David O'Connor*	*and Erica Carson*	Fr. Donley
	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary of Mercy	*William & Jean Fitzgerald*	*By Mike & Tim Fitzgerald*	Fr. Bryce
	5:00 p.m.	St. Stanislaus	*John Mahronich*	*By Family*	Fr. Donley
Sun, Apr 28	9:00 a.m.	Epiphany	*Joseph Leopardi †*	*By Debbie & Dino*	Fr. Hogan
	9:00 a.m.	St. Stanislaus	*Charie Logan*	*By husband, Paul*	Fr. Welding
	10:00 a.m.	St. Benedict the Moor	*Arthur Smith †*	*By George Smith*	Fr. Odeyemi
	11:00 a.m.	St. Stanislaus	*People of City Center Parishes*		Fr. Donley
	12:00 p.m.	St. Mary of Mercy	*John C Gaita Anniversary†*	*By Theresa Bronowicz*	Msgr. Lengwin
	5:00 p.m.	Epiphany	*For the people of Epiphany*		Fr. Odeyemi