

DIVINE MERCY PARISH

Sunday, March 1, 2020

First Sunday of Lent



Established on January 6, 2020, and rooted in Catholic Tradition and Faith, Divine Mercy Parish, made up of the former parishioners of Saint Benedict the Moor, Church of the Epiphany and Saint Mary of Mercy, is located in the heart of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. As such, we aim to root ourselves as a Eucharistic Center, devoted to offering spiritual and physical nourishment to a diverse community, both parishioners and non-parishioners alike. In the coming months, we look forward to building a parish rooted in Christ that will offer an opportunity to encounter Jesus and one another in vibrant Liturgies, frequent confession times offered, time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Catholic Speaker Series, events for youth and young adults, encounters with and for the most vulnerable, outreach ministry, multicultural encounters, and so much more. We are very excited that the Lord has graced us with the protection of His Divine Mercy and look forward to serving you and serving alongside you in the coming weeks, months and years.

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Mass Intentions

To request a Mass intention, please call or email the Parish Office at office@divinemercypgh.org or visit divinemercypgh.org to complete an online form.

Join our Parish Family

Visit our website at www.divinemercypgh.org or call the parish office.

Bulletin Requests

If you would like to have information included in the bulletin, please contact the Parish Office at office@divinemercypgh.org.

Schedule a Meeting

To make an appointment with Fr. Chris contact Cindy at cagoetz@divinemercypgh.org

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SAINT BENEDICT THE MOOR CHURCH

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Pittsburgh, PA 15219

EPIPHANY CHURCH

164 Washington Place

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

SAINT MARY OF MERCY CHURCH

202 Stanwix Street

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

CONFESSIONS:

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY
 SAINT MARY OF MERCY CHURCH
 SAINT BENEDICT THE MOOR CHURCH

Monday and Friday 11:15 AM-11:45 AM
 Monday through Friday 11:00 AM-11:45 AM
 Sunday 10:00 AM

NOVENAS:

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY
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 SAINT BENEDICT THE MOOR CHURCH

Saint Rita, Mondays after 12:05 PM Mass
 Sorrowful Mother, Fridays after 12:05 PM Mass
 Saint Benedict, Begins 9 weeks prior to the Feast Day after
 Sunday Mass
 Miraculous Medal, Mondays after 12:00 Noon Mass

SAINT MARY OF MERCY CHURCH

Saturday, February 29		
Noon	Saint Mary of Mercy Church	Deceased members of the August and Frances Beck Families
4:00 PM	Saint Mary of Mercy Church	Ellen Marie Brosnan †
Sunday, March 1		
8:00 AM	Saint Mary of Mercy Church	David Pascarella† (Wife, Missy)
9:00 AM	Church of the Epiphany	Maria Battaglia + (Battaglia Family)
10:30 AM	Saint Benedict the Moor Church	For the People of Divine Mercy Parish
10:30 AM	Saint Mary of Mercy Church	Helen M. Giles + (Rev. Don and Kathy Bushyager)
5:00 PM	Church of the Epiphany	Emily Falvo Febbraro + (Daughter, Linda Febbraro Mazur)
Monday, March 2		
6:30 AM	Saint Mary of Mercy Church	August and Frances Beck Family Members +
7:30 AM	Saint Mary of Mercy Church	Ellen Marie Brosnan +
Noon	Saint Mary of Mercy Church	Ellen Marie Brosnan +
12:05 PM	Church of the Epiphany	John Urban + (Sam and Madilyn Manfredi)
Tuesday, March 3		
6:30 AM	Saint Mary of Mercy Church	For the People of Divine Mercy Parish
7:30 AM	Saint Mary of Mercy Church	For the People of Divine Mercy Parish
Noon	Saint Mary of Mercy Church	Ellen Marie Brosnan +
12:05 PM	Church of the Epiphany	Doyle Eugene Ogg+ (Mary Angela Ogg)
Wednesday, March 4		
6:30 AM	Saint Mary of Mercy Church	For the People of Divine Mercy Parish
7:30 AM	Saint Mary of Mercy Church	Ellen Marie Brosnan +
Noon	Saint Mary of Mercy Church	Betrose and Petruga Families
12:05 PM	Church of the Epiphany	Pray for and end of Abortion
Thursday, March 5		
6:30 AM	Saint Mary of Mercy Church	Ellen Marie Brosnan +
7:30 AM	Saint Mary of Mercy Church	For the People of Divine Mercy Parish
Noon	Saint Mary of Mercy Church	Pray for and end of Abortion
12:05 PM	Church of the Epiphany	For the People of Divine Mercy Parish
Friday, March 6		
6:30 AM	Saint Mary of Mercy Church	Ellen Marie Brosnan +
7:30 AM	Saint Mary of Mercy Church	John and Mildred Burke + Bud and Karen Burke
Noon	Saint Mary of Mercy Church	Pray for and end of Abortion
12:05 PM	Church of the Epiphany	Camino and Serratore Families + (Ben and Sharon Serratore)
Saturday, March 7		
Noon	Saint Mary of Mercy Church	For the People of Divine Mercy Parish
4:00 PM	Saint Mary of Mercy Church	Edward F. Camino (Ben and Sharon Serratore)
Sunday, March 8		
8:00 AM	Saint Mary of Mercy Church	For the People of Divine Mercy Parish
9:00 AM	Church of the Epiphany	Richard Andrew Marusic +
10:30 AM	Saint Benedict the Moor Church	For the People of Divine Mercy Parish
10:30 AM	Saint Mary of Mercy Church	For the People of Divine Mercy Parish
5:00 PM	Church of the Epiphany	Erdeljac Family + (Family)

Divine Mercy Parish Fish Fry

"It's fish fry season!" -quote by Fr. Chris Donley

Today marks the first Sunday of Lent! Please join us this season for our Famous Fish Fry catered by Common Plea Catering every Friday, including Good Friday, during Lent. Be sure to grab a coffee, tea, or hot chocolate and cookies provided by Brother Andre's Café.

Divine Mercy Parish



Dine In or Take Out

— TO ORDER CALL —

412-471-1008

11AM - 7PM

3PM - 7PM Good Friday Only.

**Located in the Hall at
Epiphany Church**

**Ash Wednesday and
every Friday during Lent**

Walk-ins Welcome!



Brother Andre's Café is an outreach of Divine Mercy Parish that aims to serve and imitate Christ through the inspiration of its patron, Brother Andre Bessette. By providing employment opportunities for adults living with intellectual and developmental disabilities as well as promoting products from vulnerable communities in developing countries, Brother Andre's Café will provide a place of community and Christian fellowship for the parish and its neighbors.

Please note:

Call-in hours for take out orders are
10:30am-6:00pm

For more information, including menu items and prices, please visit
www.divinemercypgh.org



PARISH NEWS

40 Days For Life

Please consider joining our parish to pray for an end to abortion and for the defense of women and children, outside of Planned Parenthood on Liberty Avenue on the following dates and times.

Tuesday, March 3	9:00am - 11:00am
Wednesday, March 11	1:00pm - 3:00pm
Wednesday, March 18	1:00pm - 3:00pm
Tuesday, March 24	9:00am - 11:00am
Wednesday, April 1	1:00pm - 3:00pm



Divine Mercy Parish presents The Vigil Project at Epiphany Church on Friday, March 6, 2020. Please join us for a night of confession and contemporary adoration from 7-9pm. For more information, visit www.thevigilproject.com.

Volunteer Meeting: Mother Teresa Conference, Saint Vincent de Paul

Join us to learn how we serve those in need in our local Parish community this Friday, March 6 at 10:15am in the second floor Conference Room of Divine Mercy Parish. If possible, please RSVP to svdpstteresapgh.com. Please email for more information or if you would like to volunteer.

African American History

Harry Belafonte was born March 1, 1927 in New York. He was an American singer, actor, producer, and activist who was a key figure in the folk music scene of the 1950s, especially known for popularizing the Caribbean folk songs known as calypsos. Throughout his career, Belafonte was involved in various causes. He was a supporter of the civil rights movement and a close friend of Martin Luther King, Jr. Belafonte was active in African humanitarian efforts, notably appearing on the charity song "We Are the World" (1985). He received the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in 2014.

Join us on Flocknote

Visit www.divinemercypgh.org to join our "Monday Video" group on Flocknote and receive a weekly inspirational video from Fr. Joe Freedy and Fr. Chris Donley.



Contribution Totals

First Collection	\$7,002.48
PARISH SHARE	\$125.00
CARE FOR THE POOR	\$2,179.29
CHURCH BUILDING UPKEEP	\$40.00
TV MINISTRY	\$4.00
DIOCESAN COLLECTION: St. Anthony	—
OTHER HOLY DAYS: Ash Wednesday, Solemnity of Mary	\$140

Divine Mercy Parish Prayer Board

Betty Bell, Edward Davis, Dolores Denton, Carol Derewcz, Grace Dixon-Kizzie, Patricia Ellis, Debra Foster, Woody Frazier, Ann Fultz, Richard Gazzam, Janet Glass, Brenda Glenn, Mary Graham, Helena Harris, Harold G. Heim, Jr., Osaruyi Osasere Igbineweka, Billy Jenkins, Sandra Johnson, Sean Kraus, Tiffany Livsey, Aisha Lado, Toni Long, Andrew Lyke, Ruth McCartney, Sager McDill FMM, DMK, Sherry McGinnis, Todd Mattei, Betty Muse, Josephine O'Connor, Ira Ritter, Sr. Mary Samuels, Genevieve Sanford, Debbie Sturm, Vincent Tucker, Lyle Williams, Margaret, Leslie Wilson, Regina Zelik, Jerry Barry, Laurie Bozik, Robert Dougherty, William Egger, Richard Gazzam, 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 Lindenfesler, Diane and Jim Foley, Elizabeth Kochin Donna Bradley, Larry Sobek Mary Jane Metz and victims of abuse.

To add a name to our prayer board, please email office@divinemercypgh.org

ATTENTION!

Please be aware of emails being sent out claiming to be from Fr. Chris Donley and Fr. Joe Freedy. These are scammers. If you receive such an email, please do not give your information or comply with their requests.

DIVINE MERCY PARISH BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Brian Pastorak 3/01	Adrienne Houessou Ebo 3/05
Margaret Cele 3/02	Josephine Finch 3/05
Benjamin Cabagambe 3/02	Nelson Fomunjeng 3/05
Thomas McCaffrey 3/02	Rachael Jones-Mercado 3/05
Stephen Shiner 3/02	Daniel Kester 3/05
Sarah Davis 3/03	Richard Wright 3/05
Morgan O'Brien 3/03	Robert Cetrone 3/06
Rob Ogunyemi 3/03	Oscar Rukundo 3/06
Stephanie Christel 3/04	Eva Duncan 3/07
Kiara Sumrok 3/04	Aleah Washington 3/07

To be included in the weekly parishioner birthday list, please email your birthday to office@divinemercypgh.org

Women's Lenten Retreat

Father Jay Donahue invites all women to experience a morning of prayer on Friday, March 6 beginning at 9am in the main church at Saints John and Paul. There is no cost or rsvp required. For more information, visit www.greatgrouping.org

Welcome to Our Divine Mercy Parish Family

Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Nicole Belechak

Ms. Elizabeth Hight

Ms. Mary Hight

Mr. Xavier Engle

Mr. Paul Griffin

The Red Door Ministry



"Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning." Joel 2:12

As we begin our Lenten journey, I am reminded of a poignant encounter that I had with one of our Red Door guests this past Fall. It happened on a day when the chill of the season had begun to set in. Most of the guests had passed through the Red Door line to receive their lunch and had moved on quickly because of the cold. There was one gentleman, however, leaning against the wall hurriedly eating his sandwich... nothing was going to break his focus. When he finished eating and noticed that I was standing on the sidewalk, he shared with me that he had been suffering great hunger... so much so that his stomach had been hurting throughout the previous night. He expressed his gratitude to the Red Door ministry for the lunch and then his eyes welled up in tears. It was then that he said, "As much as I needed that sandwich, I know I need God more. I would choose him before food any day." The love in his voice convinced me that he was very sincere, and I thanked God for his clear witness to the truth that above all we need Him for He is our Loving Father.

Our Lord is truly present in the people whom we have the privilege to serve at the Red Door. His mercies are new every day! In this, it has been a great blessing to continue to welcome new volunteers and new groups to serve in our ministry. Since the Fall of 2019, we have welcomed groups from Central Catholic High School, Point Park University, The Pitt/Newman Center, K&L Gates, Schneider Downs & Co., Hub International, numerous parish groups from around our diocese... youth, young adult, men's and women's groups as well as Aquinas Academy, Holy Cross Academy, and even a Brownie Troop! The list goes on and on... and we are so grateful, as are the people whom we serve, to have so much generous support as well as the presence of hope that each volunteer brings to the ministry. We've also been blessed to welcome two seminarians as well as four deacon aspirants to the ministry as part of their formation in discernment for holy orders...the priesthood and the permanent diaconate respectively. In all of this, please continue to pray for the ministry as we pray for you... your prayers and support are truly making a difference!

In the name of the Red Door Ministry, Sr. Emily, Sr. Pawla, Tom & Delia Barr, and I would like to wish you a blessed and holy Lent.

In the peace of Christ, Heidi Potter



Red Door Ministry: Those in need can receive a bagged lunch Monday through Saturday from **10:30 AM-11:30 AM**

The actual Red Door is located on the Boulevard of the Allies. New Hours Tuesday - Friday 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM and Saturday 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

Television Ministry: The daily Noon Mass at Saint Mary of Mercy Church is televised and can be viewed seven days a week on Comcast channel 95 in the Greater Pittsburgh area or at www.christianassociatestv.org. Pittsburgh's Faith and Family channel 40.9 also carries it Monday-Saturday.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Mother Teresa Conference: Please contact us at 412-204-7446 or svdpstteresaPGH@gmail.com for assistance in the Pittsburgh 15219 & 15222 areas with available social services and other resources. **VOLUNTEERS:** Hearts ready to serve the Lord by aiding our Friends in Need are urgently needed. Please join us as we pray and learn together how to be the face of Christ to those in need through home visits and available social services.