

**DIVINE MERCY PARISH**  
**Sunday, June 7, 2020**  
**First Sunday After Pentecost**



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](mailto:office@divinemercypgh.org) or visit [divinemercypgh.org](http://divinemercypgh.org) to complete an online form.

### Join our Parish Family

Visit our website at [www.divinemercypgh.org](http://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](mailto:office@divinemercypgh.org).

### Schedule a Meeting

To make an appointment with Fr. Chris contact Cindy at [cagoetz@divinemercypgh.org](mailto:cagoetz@divinemercypgh.org)

### Join us on Flocknote



Stay up to date with announcements and news or receive weekly videos, by choosing a group to join on Flocknote! Sign up at [www.divinemercypgh.org](http://www.divinemercypgh.org) or text DivineMercyPgh to 84576 to join.

## SAINT BENEDICT THE MOOR CHURCH

91 Crawford Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

## EPIPHANY CHURCH

164 Washington Place  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

## SAINT MARY OF MERCY CHURCH

202 Stanwix Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

**Although all public Masses have been suspended at this time. Masses will still be said for the following scheduled Mass intentions through the private prayer of our priests.**

In Memory of John and Rita Kokai + (Daughters)
Margaret Kachurik + (Stephanie and Jim Baumgartner)
Janet Formica + (Rev. Christopher Donley)
Joe DeMarie +(Sam and Marilyn Manfredi)
Andrew DeMasi, Father + (Lisa, Jessica and Mackenzie)
Kenneth Cook Hahn + (Cynthia Hahn Yothers)
David Klasnick + (7:30 Mass Group)
Lucille Hayson + (Sam and Marilyn Manfredi)
S.G. Brown (John F. Weber)

## **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **From Bishop David Zubik:**

As we prepare to open up our churches first for the daily celebration of Mass and then the weekend Masses beginning June 6-7, please know how much I appreciate your wading through all the complexities of this transition, especially as each parish is at a different spot on the timeline. On our diocesan website, there is a video...to help our faithful realize that not every parish will be able to open up their churches on the allowable dates. I asked our parishioners to be patient as each of you works out your individual plans for Mass and/or for the distribution of Holy Communion. Please know that you have my support as you work through the careful details both liturgically and environmentally to welcome our folks back. One of the items that we are adding to the "Moving Forward Together" workbook addresses the distribution of Holy Communion outside of Mass.

### **From Divine Mercy Parish:**

Due to limited resources, the unique nature and make up of our Parish, and the need to follow the rules and regulations put forth in Bishop Zubik's recent document, **Divine Mercy Parish will not be open for public celebration of mass or personal prayer for the time being.** We will continue to study this on a daily basis, with the ardent desire to open for mass and prayer in all three of our Churches very soon.

### **Until Further Notice, Divine Mercy Parish will offer the following:**

**Everyday: Mass livestreamed from Divine Mercy Parish at Noon. ([www.divinemercurypgh.org](http://www.divinemercurypgh.org))**

**Everyday: Distribution of Holy Communion from Divine Mercy Parish, 164 Washington Place, lower parking lot, from 1:00pm to 1:30pm (including Sunday)**

**Monday and Friday, Confessions available from Divine Mercy Parish, 164 Washington Place, upper parking lot, from 2:00pm to 3:00pm**

As we continue to meet the needs of the people in our parish boundaries, please know that we will continue to offer our regular distribution of food for those in need at both the St. Benedict the Moor and St. Mary of Mercy locations. If you or someone you know is in need of lunch or dinner, please come to the Red Door Monday through Saturday at 10:30am and Monday through Friday at 5:00pm where Fr. Freedy, Fr. Donley and the Sisters of the Merciful Jesus are happy to help. We will also continue to distribute clothing on Fridays at 10:30am.

## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honor of the risen Lord, and that what we relieve in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

### Readings

**First Reading** *Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9*

**Second Reading** *2 Cor 13:11-13*

**Gospel** *John 3:16-18*

### Mass Intentions

We are still taking Mass intentions. All priests in our parish will continue to celebrate private Masses and offering them up for particular Mass intentions.

To request a Mass, visit our website, request by mail, or email [office@divinemercypgh.org](mailto:office@divinemercypgh.org)

*Blest be God the Father,  
and the Only  
Begotten Son of God,  
and  
the Holy Spirit.*

### Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

### Mass and Prayer

The daily 12:00 pm Mass at Saint Mary of Mercy Church can be live streamed or viewed on demand, seven days a week on Comcast channel 95 in the Greater Pittsburgh area or at [www.christianassociatestv.org](http://www.christianassociatestv.org). Pittsburgh's Faith and Family channel 40.9 also carries it Monday through Saturday.

Mass can also be accessed through our website at [www.divinemercypgh.org](http://www.divinemercypgh.org), along with more resources for prayer.

Every day at 3:00 PM, join the Sisters of Merciful Jesus in prayer, as they live stream an Hour of Mercy on Facebook, where they will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the rosary for the end of COVID-19.

Visit [www.facebook.com/DivineMercyPgh](http://www.facebook.com/DivineMercyPgh) to be directed to their page.

Saint Anthony Chapel will live stream the Holy Mass on Facebook Monday through Saturday at 8:30 AM and Sunday morning at 10:00 AM. Saint Anthony Chapel will be open for private prayer Monday through Thursday and on Saturday from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Please be sure to read their guidelines.

# PARISH NEWS

## African American History

Medgar Evers was a popular figure in the American history for his reputation as an African-American civil rights activist. He was born on July 2, 1925 in Decatur, Mississippi and was drafted into the army during the Second World War. He was discharged honorably as a sergeant, earning a degree in Business Administration and a Bachelor in Arts from Alcorn College, upon his return from the war. Evers married classmate Myrlie Beasley, in 1951. He actively participated in overturning segregation at the University of Mississippi and became the field secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) where he continued his relentless efforts for the Civil Rights Movement and built new chapters of NAACP.

Medgar Evers - Biography and Facts." FAMOUS AFRICAN AMERICANS, [www.famousafricanamericans.org/medgar-evers](http://www.famousafricanamericans.org/medgar-evers).

## 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 Igbneweka, 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 Lindenfelser, 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@divinemerccypgh.org](mailto:office@divinemerccypgh.org)**

### FAITH DIRECT TOTALS

**May 1st through 15th**

OFFERTORY	\$2,605.00
PARISH SHARE	\$35.00
CARE FOR THE POOR	\$1,185.00
CHURCH UPKEEP	\$10.00
TV MINISTRY	\$10.00
ASCENSION	\$50.00
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES	\$10.00
RED DOOR	\$1,150.00

### DIVINE MERCY PARISH BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Danielle Slagel 6/07	Kristen Giron 6/11
Thomas Connolly Jr. 6/08	Martin Vecellio 6/11
Paul Miller 6/09	Sandra Kirkavitch 6/12
Christopher Roach III 6/09	Stephen Michalowski 6/12
Joan Skweres 6/09	Sharon Ferrato 6/13
Sa'naa Baraka 6/10	Bo Stone 6/13
Rochelle Chatman 6/10	Stephen Vacek 6/13
Erin Daly 6/11	

To be included in the weekly parishioner birthday list, please email your birthday to [office@divinemerccypgh.org](mailto:office@divinemerccypgh.org)

### ATTENTION!

**Please be aware of emails claiming to be from Father Chris Donley and Father Joe Freedy. These messages are part of a phishing campaign. If you receive such an email, for your safety, please do not give your information or comply with their requests. Any emails from Father Chris or Father Joe will either come from an @divinemerccypgh or @diopitt email account.**

### CONTRIBUTION TOTALS

First Collection	\$5,070.00
PARISH SHARE	\$355.00
CARE FOR THE POOR	\$490.00
CHURCH BUILDING UPKEEP	\$135.00
TV MINISTRY	\$60.00
HOLY THURSDAY	\$10.00
GOOD FRIDAY	\$10.00
EASTER	\$10.00
RED DOOR	\$2,528.00
ASCENSION OF THE LORD	\$110.00
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES	\$55.00
EASTERN EUROPE AND LATIN AMERICA	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,833.00</b>

## PARISH COMMUNITY

### Pope Francis' Address to the People of the U.S.

As protests continue throughout the nation, Pope Francis said this, "I have witnessed with great concern the disturbing social unrest in your nation in these past days, following the tragic death of Mr. George Floyd. We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life." He went on to say, "At the same time, we have to recognize that 'the violence of recent nights is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost.'" in reference to statement from Archbishop José Gomez of Los Angeles. The Pope added that today he joins the Church in Saint Paul and Minneapolis, and throughout the entire US, "in praying for the repose of the soul of George Floyd and of all those others who have lost their lives as a result of the sin of racism" and concluded his remarks with an invitation to prayer. "Let us pray for the consolation of their grieving families and friends and let us implore the national reconciliation and peace for which we yearn," he said. "May Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of America, intercede for all those who work for peace and justice in your land and throughout the world."

### Statement from Bishop Zubik

Given all that is transpiring around us and within us, I ask that you ponder the following:

This has been a tough week. Since the tragic death of George Floyd in Minneapolis at the beginning of last week, we have been confronted again with a number of ugly issues, perhaps the most notable of all the sin of racism. Given the violence which we witnessed in Pittsburgh these past days and the escalating tensions in many major cities throughout the United States, we continue our prayers for peace and calm in the midst of ongoing violent protests following the death of George Floyd.

In 2018, we bishops in the United States released a pastoral letter entitled "Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love—A Pastoral Letter Against Racism." I can think of no better time than now for us to use any opportunity that comes our way to read and reflect on an issue that is as ugly as racism. This is truly a time for us to recognize the effects of that sin, which are stunningly evident in our streets and in our news stories. It is equally important for us to search our hearts to see if that sin is within us. The letter can be found on the Divine Mercy Parish website.

Evil such as we are witnessing these days can only be overcome by prayer. At this most critical time in the history of our country and our towns and cities, I ask that each one of you join with me as we focus on the absolute necessity of praying to God for guidance, courage and the vision that tears down walls and helps to build bridges.

#### **Wake Me Up, Lord**

Wake me up Lord so that the evil of racism finds no home within me.

Keep watch over my heart Lord and remove from me any barriers to your grace.

Fill my spirit Lord so that I may give services of justice and peace.

Clear my mind Lord and use it for your glory.

And finally, remind me Lord that you said, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God."

Amen.

### Divine Mercy Parish Food Assistance Programs

#### Red Door Ministry:

##### Lunch

Monday through Saturday  
10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

##### Dinner

Monday through Friday  
5:00 PM to 5:30 PM

#### Saint Faustina Gate:

Fridays  
10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

#### Saint Benedict the Moor Church Location:

Saint Benedict the Moor Food Pantry  
will be open to all Divine Mercy parishioners  
and residents of the lower Hill District  
from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on  
the following dates:

May 26th  
June 10th and 25th  
July 10th and 24th.

**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 .