



Divine Mercy Parish

The Mission of Saint Bernadette



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2023 MAY 6TH &
MAY 7TH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sacraments

Baptism, Matrimony, Anointing of the Sick.
Contact the parish office for more information.

Parish Staff

Reverend Christopher Seibt

Pastor

Deacon Mark Berube

Parish Deacon &

Business Administrator

Kathy Yahner

Administrative Assistant

Jennifer Brown

Youth Minister

Bonnie Merkel

GROW Coordinator

Dominick Corbacio

Divine Mercy Music Minister

Jim McCarthy

Saint Bernadette Music Minister

Rebecca Waterman

Facilities Manager

Communications Coordinator

Trustees

Colette O'Mara & Tom Schulz, D|M|P

Ellen Holst & Bethany Nassimos, M.S.B.

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday, 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Pope Saint John Paul II Chapel

Open 24/7 for prayer, 1225# door code

Any temporary changes to mass times or hours will be posted within the bulletin and on our website calendar.



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

Excerpted from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1988, 1970 GCD

Weekend Mass times		Weekday Mass at DMP		Confession at DMP		Liturgy of the Hours at DMP	
Saturday at DMP	4:00 PM	Tuesday	8:00 AM	Wednesday	6:30-7:15 PM	Morning Prayer	
Saturday at MSB	6:00 PM	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Saturday	3:00-3:45 PM	Monday	8:00 AM
Sunday at DMP	8:30 AM	Thursday	8:00 AM	Adoration at DMP		Friday	7:45 AM
Sunday at DMP	10:30 AM	Friday	8:00 AM	Wednesday	6:30-7:15 PM	Evening Prayer	
				Benediction	7:15 PM	Wednesday	7:05 PM



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FROM FATHER SEIBT

Greetings in the Lord!

A special welcome to those who may be visiting us today.

"Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is truly risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!" As we continue to reflect on the Christian life as a long night's journey into day, another aspect of the light of eternal life toward which we are tending is placed before us today in the Gospel according to John: the light that comes from following the way, knowing the truth, and living the life that is Christ (Jn 14:1-12). How do we do this? We first let ourselves be built into "spiritual houses" and become "a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God" (1 Pt 2:4-9). In other words, we tend to our own spiritual needs and the spiritual needs of others. Then, we "serve at table" (Acts 6:1-7). We tend to the physical needs of others, particularly of those in the Church.

Prayerful congratulations to all who received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** last Sunday! Many and deep thanks to all who journeyed with them and helped to prepare them as well as to those who made their celebration of this sacrament a special one.

Let us continue to pray for all those who will receive their **first holy Communion** this Sunday at the 10:30 AM Mass. May the Lord draw them and their families closer to him through his Church.

After nearly two years of dedicated service as our parish business administrator, **Deacon Mark** has decided to enter fully into a well-deserved retirement. He will continue his diaconal ministry here. I am grateful to him for all his hard work! In addition to her current administrative duties, Kathy Yahner will now also oversee the physical, financial, and personnel aspects of parish life with the assistance of an accounting firm to handle our bookkeeping. Consequently, we are hiring a receptionist. Beginning July 1st, our new office hours will be Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to Noon. Please contact the parish office if you or anyone you know is interested.

In this Month of May, we honor the **Blessed Virgin Mary** as queen of heaven and earth. May she intercede for us and bring much needed peace to our homes and to our world. We will celebrate **May Crowning** next Sunday at Divine Mercy and The Mission of Saint Bernadette.

Continued prayers for a blessed and happy Easter season!



D|M|P

April 29th & April 30th

Offertory \$5,506.00

Online Giving \$2,020.31

Home Mission Appeal \$1,149.00

M.S.B.

April 29th & April 30th

Offertory \$898.00

Online Giving \$1,008.00

Home Mission Appeal \$318.00

Online giving is easy!

Scan the code,
or visit our website
www.divinemercycny.org
to learn more



Pray For...

Matthew Ahlstrand

Sue Aksterowicz

Marilyn Alt

Janet Baird

Frances Barnaba

Jane Berical

Arnold Berube

Rachel Berube

Diana Blount

James Brooks

Nicholas Callahan

Dennis D. Capria

Luella Castonguay

The Clarkson Family

Dianne Cone

Jim Cone

Michael Cottrell

Kevin Courbat

Maureen Davison

Nancy DeGilormo

Andrew Doolittle

Shannon Enders

Julie Farrell

Jim Fitzgerald

Greg Foster

Rick Gardner

John Gersbacher

Ronald Graves

Laurel Haller

Elizabeth Harrington

Richard Hart

Debbie Herholtz

Hunter Herrington

Rebecca Hogle

Alicia Kohlway

Weston Kurzban

Michael Leduc

Darrick Lindsley

Johnny Mason

Peg McCarthy

Mike McElwain

Shannon McMullen

John Mearon

Clark Mosher

Bill Munroe

Robert Nesbitt

Bette O'Hern

Jay O'Hern

Paul Menjik

TJ Parks, Jr.

Denise Phelps

Peter Procopio

Donna Proulx

Dorey Roland-Savio

Cindy Rosa

Barbara Ross

Eileen Schulz

Lee Shaw

Jane Sheeden

Jeffrey Slater

Mark Smitt

Brittany Snyder

Joseph Snyder

Francis Szkotak

Cheryl Turo

Peter Vanderveen

Dr. Dan Walsh

Rick Warner

Barbara Wells

Pat Yerton

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May

7th

10:30 AM First Communion
11:30 AM Coffee Hour

8th

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM R.C.I.A.

9nd

6:00 PM Choir Practice
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM EDGE
Youth Ministry

11th

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Senior Luncheon
6:00-8:00 Youth Ministry
"Jump into Summer"

12th

8:30 AM Jesus, Mary, & "Joe"
Scripture study

13th

Mother's Day Plant Sale
Basket Distribution after Mass
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Priest, Prophet, King
Men's Group
6:00 PM May Crowning at MSB

14th

Mother's Day Plant Sale
Basket Distribution after Mass
10:30 AM May Crowning at DMP

Meditate on the Word

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17, I Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21
Read, Reflect, Respond, Rest

Join us in praying for vocations!

The Vocation Crucifix & prayer kit will be available to travel from home to home for one-week intervals.

A binder of prayers and Holy water will accompany the cross. During the week the host family will be asked to make a special effort to pray together with emphasis on an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, as well as a clear understanding that Christ calls each of us to a vocation.

Sign your family up at the Welcome Center at DMP.



Thank you Deacon Mark

for two years as our
parish business administrator!
Thank you for all that you do
for our parish!



May Crowning

May 13th & 14th during the
6:00 PM Mass at MSB
&
10:30 AM Mass at DMP

We are hiring

a new
receptionist.
Please contact the
parish office at
315-676-2898 for
more information.

Mother's Day Plant Sale!

Don't forget to pick up your hanging
basket after Mass on May 13th & 14th!
Proceeds benefit youth ministry.

Needs a picture

Our Online Giving donation system has changed to Our Sunday Visitor's Online Giving Program.

Please visit: <https://www.osvhub.com/divinemercycny/giving/funds> to create a new account and continue your online contributions using this new program.

Please visit our old online giving program:
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/divinemercy> to stop your current donations in the Parish Soft System.

These links are both available on our website,
www.divinemercycny.org or by scanning
this code.

Call the parish office if you need assistance.

Thank you for your generosity.



May Memorial Candles

Divine Mercy

Carl & Marqueen Brown
by the Brown Family

John Paul II Chapel

Healing for Lily Marie Postell
by Paul & Jean Postell

The Mission of Saint Bernadette

Gary Holst 5th Anniversary
by Wife, Ellen

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD.

Phyllis Henry
Nona Bosell



The Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed." The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

Source: USCCB.org

Five Ways to Honor Mary during the Month of May

1. PRAY

The most well-known prayer for Mary is the **Hail Mary**. The **Rosary** is a series of prayers that Mary gave St. Dominic. Praying the Rosary means we contemplate the life of Jesus and ask Mary to intercede on our behalf. Praying the rosary is a beautiful devotion and commitment. Ask Mary for her prayers and intercession by including the Hail Mary or another Marian prayer into your daily prayer time.

2. REFLECT

Deepen your relationship with Mary by studying her presence in the Bible. She is not a woman of many words, but what she does speak is powerful. Read these verses to understand their deeper meaning. What can you learn from Mary and how can you make it applicable in your own life?

- ◇ Luke 1:38 - Faith of Mary
- ◇ Luke 1:29 - 2:19, 2:5 - Strengths of Mary
- ◇ John 2:5 and Matthew 1:24, 2:14 -Humility of Mary

3. DISPLAY

Display a Marian image in your home. Do a May crowning. Mother's Day is a great day for this activity. If you have a garden, pick flowers, arrange them into a floral crown and sing songs in honor of Mary. This is a wonderful way to honor your earthly and heavenly mother on this special day.

4. GARDEN

Take advantage of the fresh air outside and plant a Mary Garden. If you're not familiar with a Mary Garden, it is not difficult to construct. This tradition began centuries ago in Europe where missionaries joined in a collective effort to plant gardens with plants named after Mary. Use a statue of Mary as your focal point and begin planting around it. Consider making a list of your favorite Mary flowers and take the time to learn about their name and meaning. A few floral options for your garden could include:

- ◇ Marigold: "Mary's gold," which Christians used to offer Mary instead of coins.
- ◇ Rosemary: "Mary" is in the name!
- ◇ Bleeding Heart: Mary's heart was pierced.
- ◇ Lily of the Valley: also known as "Our Lady's Tears."

After planting your flowers, choose some selections to add personal meaning, such as painted rocks, pinwheels or stepping stones and watch your garden bloom!

5. PRACTICE CHARITY FOR THE LOVE OF MARY

Select a feast day in May, such as Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady Fatima on May 13, and do a kind deed for another. Remember to pray for those who are struggling today and ask Our Lady to pray for them.

Source <https://ffhl.org/seven-ways-to-honor-mary-in-may/>

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary's "yes" to God's will filled a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. She is honored as the Mother of God, the perfect disciple, and Queen of Heaven. The Church has always turned to the Blessed Virgin as a way of drawing closer to Christ.

"God who made the sun, also made the moon. The moon does not take away from the brilliance of the sun. All its light is reflected from the sun. The Blessed Mother reflects her Divine Son; without Him, she is nothing. With Him, she is the Mother of men" (Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen, *The World's First Love: Mary Mother of God*)

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Listen to Mary. She is not a woman of many words, but her words are powerful. Read these Scripture verses to understand her faith. As you read, how does she inspire you?

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Before long, you will have a garden of blooms and a new place for prayer and meditation.

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LITURGY SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 5/6	3:30 PM	Rosary	
	4:00 PM	Mass	Ronald Sulewski by Divine Mercy Parish & The Mission of St. Bernadette
	5:30 PM	Rosary at MSB	
	6:00 PM	Mass at MSB	The People of Divine Mercy Parish & The Mission of Saint Bernadette
Sun 5/7	8:00 AM	Rosary	
	8:30 AM	Mass	Kathleen Stevens Palmer by Paul and Jean Postell
	10:00 AM	Rosary	
	10:30 AM	Mass	Donna Roberts by Trish Jordan
Mon 5/8	8:00 AM	Rosary	
	8:20 AM	Morning Prayer	
Tue 5/9	7:30 AM	Rosary	
	8:00 AM	Mass	Parishioners of Divine Mercy Parish & the Mission of Saint Bernadette by Gary and Linda House
Wed 5/10	5:45 PM	DM Chaplet	
	6:00 PM	Mass	Fr. Richard Kapral by Father Seibt
	6:30 PM	Adoration	
	7:05 PM	Evening Prayer	
	7:15 PM	Benediction	
Thu 5/11	7:30 AM	Rosary	
	7:55 AM	M. M. Novena	
	8:00 AM	Mass	Loretta Richardson by DMP & MSB
Fri 5/12	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer	
	8:00 AM	Mass	Luella Castonguay (L) by Family
Sat 5/13	3:30 PM	Rosary	
	4:00 PM	Mass	Vivian Sheldon by Children
	5:30 PM	Rosary at MSB	
	6:00 PM	Mass at MSB	Joseph Lavigne by Bernie Klotz and family
Sun 5/14	8:00 AM	Rosary	
	8:30 AM	Mass	Diana Kibbe by Darlene Anchikites & Family
	10:00 AM	Rosary	
	10:30 AM	Mass	The People of Divine Mercy Parish & The Mission of Saint Bernadette