



The Parish of Divine Mercy

The Mission of Saint Bernadette



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2023 AUGUST 5TH &
AUGUST 6TH

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Sacraments

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

Parish Staff

Reverend Christopher Seibt
Pastor

Reverend Monsignor Timothy Elmer
Parochial Vicar

Deacon Mark Berube
Parish Deacon

Kathy Yahner
Parish Administrator

Amy Pavlides
Receptionist

Jennifer Brown
Youth Minister

Bonnie Merkel
GROW Coordinator

Dominick Corbacio
Divine Mercy Music Director

Jim McCarthy
Divine Mercy Music Minister

Rebecca Waterman
Facilities Manager
Communications Coordinator

Trustees

Colette O'Mara, Tom Schulz,
Ellen Holst & John Metzger

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday, 9:00 AM—Noon

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.



The Transfiguration of the Lord

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. - Matthew 17:1-2

Weekend Mass times at

Divine Mercy in Central Square

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM

Sunday 10:30 AM

Weekday Mass at DM

Tuesday 8:00 AM

Thursday 8:00 AM

Confession at DM

Saturday 3:00 PM -
3:45 PM

Weekend Mass times at

Sacred Heart in Cicero

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 7:30 AM

Sunday 9:30 AM

Sunday 11:00 AM

Weekday Mass at SH

Monday 8:00 AM

Wednesday 8:00 AM

Friday 8:00 AM

Confession at SH

Saturday 3:30 PM -
4:30 PM



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FROM FATHER SEIBT

Greetings in the Lord!

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

The Transfiguration of the Lord that we celebrate today is a “preview of coming attractions.” Imagine experiencing the scandal of the cross.

Imagine thinking that the same fate is coming for you. The disciples needed something to get them through this darkness. In the Transfiguration the disciples experienced a preview of the glory to come (Mt 17:1-9). Jesus was “*transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.*” They saw Moses and Elijah. And they heard the voice of the Father declare, “*This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.*” Even with this remarkable preview of coming attractions, however, all but a few of the disciples ran away and hid out of fear as Christ embraced the cross for us and for our salvation. Nevertheless, they eventually remembered what following the Lord was all about and where it would lead, and they came back. May our celebration of the Transfiguration today help us to keep our eyes fixed on the Lord and on the glory that is to come amidst the challenges we currently face and will face in the days ahead.

It is a blessing and a joy to be the pastor of the parishes of **Sacred Heart (SH) and Divine Mercy and The Mission of Saint Bernadette (DM/MSB)**. Both are wonderful communities of faith! During this time of transition please remember that: (1) we need to keep our eyes fixed on the Lord and allow him to lead us, (2) there is no them and us; we are one Body in Christ, (3) we need to act with Christian dignity and love in all we say and do, even when we are

frustrated, (4) we cannot let the Evil One cause us to fall away. I am confident that the Lord will “give success to the work of our hands” (Psalm 90:17) in the days ahead and will bestow many blessings upon us.

For more than twenty years, the Church has taken significant steps to address the **abuses of the past** to help repair the damage that was done and to ensure that it never happens again. The most recent step on the part of the Diocese of Syracuse was to agree to contribute \$100 million dollars to the victims’ trust fund established as part of our chapter 11 case for reorganization in response to the Child Victims and Adult Survivors Acts of New York State. The parishes of Sacred Heart and Divine Mercy and the Mission of Saint Bernadette will each contribute 29% of our current unrestricted monetary assets. This will not prevent us from continuing to carry out the mission of the Church at our parishes. Rather, it will relieve us from any additional or future liability for past claims, help to make reparation for past sins, and bring some healing and peace to those who have been harmed. Let us continue to pray for all victims and survivors and to work for the protection of all in our care as we strive to bring this dark and painful chapter in the life of the Church to a close.

I will be away on **vacation** from August 16th through August 25th. This time away was planned before I became aware of my new assignments that just began. Nevertheless, it will be a good time for me to recharge and get ready for the busy days ahead.

Please take a moment to review the various activities **coming up** at our parishes and to support them as you are able.

During this **Ordinary Time**, may **God** continue to **bless you** in an extraordinary way!



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July 22nd & July 23rd

Offertory \$5,623.00

Online Giving \$1,228.58

Online Giving (MSB) \$25.00

Contributions to Divine Mercy and The Mission of Saint Bernadette in the form of checks should be made out to “**Divine Mercy**”. Thank you.

Online giving is easy!

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



Please remember Divine Mercy
& The Mission of Saint Bernadette
when planning your estate and funeral.



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

Dean Drake

Shannon Enders

Julie Farrell

Jim Fitzgerald

Greg Foster

John Gersbacher

Ronald Graves

Laurel Haller

Elizabeth Harrington

Richard Hart

Debbie Herholtz

Hunter Herrington

Donald Johnson

Alicia Kohlway

Weston Kurzban

Michael Leduc

Darrick Lindsley

Johnny Mason

Peg McCarthy

Mike McElwain

Shannon McMullen

John Mearon

Clark Mosher

Bill Munroe

AnnMarie Murphy

Robert Nesbitt

Bette O'Hern

Jay O'Hern

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TJ Parks, Jr.

Denise Phelps

Peter Procopio

Donna Proulx

Dorey Roland-Savio

Cindy Rosa

Barbara Ross

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Jane Sheeden

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Mark Smitt

Brittany Snyder

Joseph Snyder

Francis Szkotak

Cheryl Turo

Peter Vanderveen

Dr. Dan Walsh

Rick Warner

Barbara Wells

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August

7th

5:00 PM H.O.P.E. Bereavement Group

12th

Second Collection - Retirement Fund
for Religious
7:30 AM Priest, Prophet, King Men's Group

13th

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for Religious

H.O.P.E.

Bereavement Group

5:00 PM Monday

Priest, Prophet, King

Where men of faith come
together in fellowship
and prayer.

The second Saturday
of each month.

7:30 AM—8:30 AM
Real Men Pray...

Golf Tournament

Sunday, August 27th

1:00 PM Shotgun start
at Greenview Country Club
Steak dinner to follow.

Register at the Welcome Center,
after Mass or online at
www.divinemercycny.org
\$400.00 per team

Registrations must be received by
August 10th for t-shirt.

Ball Drop 50/50 drawing
\$1.00 per ball
1000 balls available

Condo Raffle in Cocoa Beach, FL
\$10.00 per ticket or 3 for \$25.00

Basket Raffle

It is sure to
be a day of
fun and joy!



Youth & Family Kickball Tournament

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Sunday, August 19th

Kickball, Food Truck, & Mass
for all youth & families of our parish!



Two Parishes One Family



The parishes of Divine Mercy and the Mission of Saint Bernadette and Sacred Heart have come together to share resources and the living of the Christian life.

New Daily Mass Schedule

Monday – Friday at 8:00 AM

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
at Sacred Heart in Cicero

Tuesday & Thursday
at Divine Mercy and The Mission of Saint Bernadette

Note: no other weekday public devotions during the month of
August

Note: Mass intentions will be combined at one daily Mass each week
at each location with permission from the donors until those that
have been scheduled are satisfied.

The **Sunday Mass schedule** will remain the same until
the First Sunday of Advent. Fr. Seibt and Msgr. Elmer
will be at Sacred Heart and Divine Mercy and the Mission
of Saint Bernadette each weekend. For now, whoever
celebrates the Saturday Anticipated (Vigil) Mass at one
parish will celebrate the Sunday Masses at the other
parish.

Mass Intentions

The intention of every Mass is that the death and resurrection of
Jesus Christ be for the salvation of the world. Special intentions for
the living and deceased may be included with this intention. As a rule,
there is one intention offered per Mass. However, under certain
circumstances several intentions may be offered at one Mass.

Beginning July 31st, the new daily Mass schedule at Sacred Heart and
Divine Mercy and The Mission of Saint Bernadette will result in a
reduction of the number of daily Masses offered at each parish.

In an effort to pray for the intentions that have been entrusted to
each parish for the next year, there will be one Mass designated each
week (i.e., Tuesdays at Divine Mercy; Fridays at Sacred Heart) at
which the other intentions originally scheduled for that week
will be offered.

Those whose intentions are affected will be notified and may decide
whether they would like to combine their intentions with other
intentions. Those who decide not to combine their intentions may
schedule them for the next available Mass (a year or two from now)
or ask that they be sent to another parish or mission to be offered.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we do our best to
pray for all those intentions entrusted to our care.

EVANGELIZATION

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

Are you searching for “something more?” Are you seeking answers to life’s deepest questions? Are you wanting to belong? Then, the R.C.I.A. is perfect for you! It is a journey that will lead you to that “something more,” namely, God. It is a process of discovery that provides answers to life’s deepest questions and it is a place where we come to belong to Jesus Christ and his Church.

The R.C.I.A. is for those who are either not baptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition. It is also for those who are Catholic but have not received Confirmation and/or Holy Communion. And it is for anyone, including Catholics who are interested in exploring more about the faith. For more information, please contact Deacon Mark Berube (315-560-9246; mberube@syrdio.org).

GROW FAMILY CATECHESIS

The family is the context in which our faith is received, lived, and handed on. Family Catechesis is for families with children in grades K-5. Weekly gatherings include attending the 10:30 AM Sunday Mass, a twenty-minute lesson on the Gospel proclaimed at Mass and the various aspects of our faith that pertain to it, fellowship, and fun!

For more information and to register, contact Bonnie Merkel (divinemeracygrow@gmail.com).

PREPARATION FOR FIRST COMMUNION

The Eucharist is the “source and summit” of the Christian life! Children in second grade are blessed to receive Holy Communion for the first time. Preparation begins in first grade through GROW and includes four additional sessions in second grade. Contact Bonnie Merkel for more information (divinemeracygrow@gmail.com).

YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle school youth ministry (Edge – grades 6-8) and high school youth ministry (LifeTeen – grades 9-12) provide a safe and fun place for youth to find solid Catholic community, to get answers to their questions about faith, and, most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. Contact Jennifer Brown for more information (YMDivineMercy@syrdio.org).

PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation strengthens the grace and gift of the Holy Spirit received at Baptism and sends us forth on mission. Preparation begins in ninth grade and includes faith formation sessions on Sunday mornings, service hours, retreats, direct preparation sessions, etc. Candidates are also encouraged to be part of our parish youth ministry.

Contact Jennifer Brown for more information (YMDivineMercy@syrdio.org).

LITURGY SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 8/5	3:30 PM	Rosary	
	4:00 PM	Mass	Joseph & Anna Mufale and Carmen & Frances Mufale by Frances Rappazzo
Sun 8/6	8:00 AM	Rosary	
	8:30 AM	Mass	The People of Divine Mercy & The Mission of Saint Bernadette
	10:00 AM	Rosary	
	10:30 AM	Mass	Sisters of Life, final vows (L) by the Brown Family
Mon 8/7	8:00 AM	Mass	at Sacred Heart, Cicero
Tue 8/8	8:00 AM	Mass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charles Lohm by wife, Theresa • The Daniels Family by Claire • Patricia Yerton by Family
Wed 8/9	8:00 AM	Mass	at Sacred Heart, Cicero
Thu 8/10	8:00 AM	Mass	Robert Whalen by wife, Helena
Fri 8/11	8:00 AM	Mass	at Sacred Heart, Cicero
Sat 8/12	4:00 PM	Mass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean Breed by Tom and Mary • Carolyn Youngs by DM/MSB
Sun 8/13	8:00 AM	Rosary	
	8:30 AM	Mass	The People of Divine Mercy & The Mission of Saint Bernadette
	10:00 AM	Rosary	
	10:30 AM	Mass	Beverly Sadler Hardy by Judy and Jan

August Memorial Candles

Divine Mercy

Beryl & Josephine Baldwin/
Birthdays
by Linda and Gary House
(2nd Candle Available)

John Paul II Chapel

Ben Swistak and his family
by Anonymous

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD.

Benjamin Swistak
Larry Fournier
Shirley Herbert
Frances "Nancy" Benton

