



The Parish of Divine Mercy

The Mission of Saint Bernadette



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2023

DECEMBER 16TH &
DECEMBER 17TH

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sacraments

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

Parish Clergy & 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

Nicholas Cantello
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

The Scotty Thrift Shop & Food Pantry

Open Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00 AM - Noon



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. - Jn 1:6-7

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Weekend Mass times at		Weekday Mass at DM		Weekend Mass times at		Weekday Mass at SH	
Divine Mercy in Central Square		Tuesday	8:00 AM	Sacred Heart in Cicero		Monday	8:00 AM
Saturday	4:00 PM	Thursday	8:00 AM	Saturday	5:15 PM	Wednesday	8:00 AM
Sunday	8:30 AM	Adoration/Confession at DM		Sunday	7:00 AM	Friday	8:00 AM
Sunday	11:30 AM	Thursday	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Sunday	10:00 AM	Confession at SH	
						Tuesday	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM



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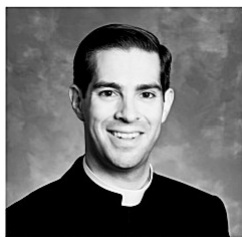
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FROM FATHER SEIBT

Greetings in the Lord!

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

On this third Sunday of Advent, the liturgy of the Church commands us to **“rejoice!”** Why? Because the coming of the Lord brings God’s love and salvation. The prophet Isaiah writes, “He has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice...” (Is 61:1-2a, 10-1). John the Baptist declares, “the one who is coming after me” is “the light” (Jn 1:6-8, 19-28). Rejoicing in the Lord who comes, Saint Paul tells us, means praying without ceasing, giving thanks in all circumstances, and allowing the Lord to make us “perfectly holy” and preserving us blameless for the day of his final coming.

Carlos Gonzalez, a parishioner of Sacred Heart, has been accepted as a seminarian for the Diocese of Syracuse and will resume his formation for the priesthood soon. Let us prayerfully congratulate him and keep him in our prayers. Let us also continue to pray for more vocations! May those whom the Lord is calling respond in faith.

Many thanks to those who delivered **poinsettias** to the homebound. We send them each year as a reminder that they are not alone. So, let us keep them in our prayers this Christmas. If you or anyone you

know is homebound, please let us know so that we can make sure their spiritual needs are being met.

This weekend is the **Blessing of the *Bambinelli*** after each Mass. It is now time to set up your nativity scene at home.

This weekend we are distributing the gifts and food collected for our **Giving Tree Christmas project** at SH and our **Caring and Sharing Christmas program** at DM. Let us keep all those who are in need in our prayers and pray that our works of mercy and charity will draw them into the Kingdom of God.

On Monday evening the **“Light is On For You!”** Confessions will be heard at SH and DM: 4 – 7:00 PM. Confessions will also be heard on Tuesday and Thursday of this week according to our regular schedule. Come, celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and “prepare the way of the Lord” in your heart.

Remember that there is an **obligation to attend Mass** twice next weekend: once for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and once for Christmas. God never tires of showering us with his grace. Let us give him every opportunity to do so.

The **2023 annual Hope Appeal** is still underway! It is not too late to give a gift. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Prayers for a **blessed and grace-filled Advent!** God loves you and so do I.

STEWARDSHIP

Divine Mercy

December 9th & December 10th
Offertory TBD

Please make checks out to “Divine Mercy”

It is wonderful that people are attending Masses at both parish churches of our One Family. Please use the envelope of the church at which you are registered to make a contribution. Contributions will be forwarded to the parish indicated on the envelope that is used.

Online giving is easy!

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



Matthew Ahlstrand
Marilyn Alt
Janet Baird
Jane Berical
Arnold Berube
Rachel Berube
Diana Blount
Nicholas Callahan
Marianne Calvarese
Dennis D. Capria
Luella Castonguay
Henry Cavalier
The Clarkson Family
Dianne Cone
Jim Cone
Michael Cottrell
Kevin Courbat
Maureen Davison
Connie Doback
Andrew Doolittle
Dean Drake
Shannon Enders
Jim Fitzgerald
Greg Foster
Ronald Graves



Pray For...

Laurel Haller
Elizabeth Harrington
Richard Hart
Paul Heins
Debbie Herholtz
Hunter Herrington
John Holst
Donald Johnson
Alicia Kohlway
Jim Koshar
Weston Kurzban
Josh LaCelle
Brittany Larrea
Michael Leduc
Johnny Mason
Mike McElwain
Shannon McMullen
John Mearon
Clark Mosher
Bill Munroe
AnnMarie Murphy
Robert Nesbitt
Bette O’Hern

Jay O’Hern
Paul Menjik
Deacon Don Mula
TJ Parks, Jr.
Marilyn Penoyer
Denise Phelps
Donna Proulx
Dorey Roland-Savio
Christine Rossi
Cindy Rosa
Barbara Ross
Eileen Schulz
Jane Sheeden
Jeffrey Slater
Mark Smitt
Brittany Snyder
Joseph Snyder
Bradford Surlock
Francis Szkotak
Cheryl Turo
Peter Vanderveen
Dr. Dan Walsh
Rick Warner

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December

17th

Blessing of the Bambinelli
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM Caring & Sharing
Gift & Food Distribution
Confirmation at SH
10:50 AM - 12:30 PM GROW
Mass & Family Catechesis

18th

4:00 - 7:00 PM The Light Is On For You
Confession
6:00 PM R.C.I.A. Christian Formation

19th

5:30 - 6:30 PM Confession & Adoration at SH
No EDGE Youth Ministry

20th

Ember Day

21st

5:30 - 6:30 PM Confession & Adoration at DM
No LifeTeen Youth Ministry

22nd

Ember Day

23rd

Ember Day

24th

Christmas Eve
No GROW family catechesis
4:00 PM Christmas Vigil at Sacred Heart
4:00 PM Christmas Vigil at Divine Mercy
6:00 PM Christmas Vigil at Sacred Heart
10:00 PM Christmas Mass
at Night at Divine Mercy

Confession Schedule

Monday, December 18th: The Light Is On For You
4:00 - 7:00 PM at Divine Mercy and Sacred Heart
Tuesday, December 19th: 5:30 - 6:30 PM at Sacred Heart
Thursday, December 21st: 5:30 - 6:30 PM at Divine Mercy

Advent Ember Days

Days of prayer and fasting for Eucharistic Revival
December 20th

- Pray a holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament
- Fast from online activity and social media

December 22nd

- Pray that all the faithful may believe and participate in the Eucharist.
- Fast by eating only one full meal(and two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal)

December 23rd

- Pray the Litany of the Blessed Sacrament.
- Fast from buying something that is not needed.

Remember to bring your wrapped
gifts for the Caring and Sharing
Program today!



Two Parishes, One Family

The parish office of Divine Mercy will be
closed from December 25th until January 2nd.



Christmas Mass Options

We are obligated by Divine Law to keep holy the Lord's Day each week. The Church helps us to fulfill this law by binding us to attend Holy Mass on every Sunday and Holy Day.

This year, our regular Sunday obligation overlaps with a Holy Day (Christmas) obligation. This means we have two obligations to fulfill : one for Sunday and another for Christmas. Note that, as tempting as it might be, there's no 2-for-1 deal - if you choose to go to a Christmas Eve Mass, you may consider that as your Sunday Obligation or your Christmas obligation, but not both.

1. 1 Mass on Saturday Evening *and* 1 Mass on Sunday Evening *or* Monday Morning.
2. 1 Mass on Sunday Morning *and* 1 Mass on Sunday Evening *or* Monday Morning.
3. 1 Mass on Sunday Evening *and* 1 Mass on Monday Morning.
4. 2 Masses on Sunday Evening.

Christmas Mass Options

Sunday Obligation: Choose 1

Saturday

December 23rd

4th Sunday of Advent

- ★ 4:00 PM at DM
- ★ 5:15 PM at SH

Sunday

December 24th

4th Sunday of Advent

- ★ 7:00 AM at SH
- ★ 8:30 AM at DM
- ★ 10:00 PM at SH
- ★ 11:30 AM at DM

Christmas Eve

- ★ 4:00 PM at SH
- ★ 4:00 PM at DM
- ★ 6:00 PM at SH
- ★ 10:00 PM at DM

Monday

December 25th

Christmas Day

- ★ 7:00 AM at SH
- ★ 8:30 AM at DM
- ★ 10:00 AM at SH

Christmas Obligation: Choose 1

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



December 24th

4:00 PM Vigil at Sacred Heart

4:00 PM Vigil at Divine Mercy

6:00 PM Vigil at Sacred Heart

10:00 PM Mass at Night at Divine Mercy

December 25th

7:00 AM Mass at Dawn at Sacred Heart

8:30 AM Mass During the Day at Divine Mercy

10:00 AM Mass During the Day at Sacred Heart

Confessions Schedule

Monday, December 18th:

4:00 - 7:00 PM at Divine Mercy and Sacred Heart

Tuesdays 5:30 - 6:30 PM at Sacred Heart

Thursdays 5:30 - 6:30 PM at Divine Mercy

MASS INTENTIONS

1. Mass offerings/intentions may now be scheduled for this year.
The offering/donation is: \$15.00
2. There is no limitation to the number of masses a person can have offered.
3. Those who would like to have more than three masses offered during a given calendar year may only choose three particular days on which to have them offered.
4. Additional mass intentions will be scheduled by the parish office based on availability.
5. The parish office will process mass offerings and distribute mass cards.
6. Multiple Mass intentions are offered on Tuesdays at the 8:00 AM Mass and Saturdays at the 4:00 PM Mass.

LITURGY SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 12/16	3:30 PM	Rosary	
	4:00 PM	Mass	The People of Divine Mercy & The Mission of St. Bernadette David Bertrand by Yolanda & family
Sun 12/17	8:00 AM	Rosary	
	8:30 AM	Mass	Richard Gardner by JoAnn & Mike Shusda
	11:00 AM	Rosary	
	11:30 AM	Mass	Alice Rinefierd, 3 yr anniversary by Tom & Mary
Mon 12/18	8:00 AM	Mass at Sacred Heart, Cicero	
Tue 12/19	8:00 AM	Mass	Paul E Postell Sr by Paul & Jean Postell Judy Moreland by Tom and Mary
	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Adoration & Confessions at Sacred Heart	
Wed 12/20	8:00 AM	Mass at Sacred Heart, Cicero	
Thu 12/21	8:00 AM	Mass	Gennaro Sonnacchio Jr, by Uncle Mike
	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Adoration & Confessions at Divine Mercy	
Fri 12/22	8:00 AM	Mass at Sacred Heart, Cicero	
Sat 12/23	3:30 PM	Rosary	
	4:00 PM	Mass	Nancy DeGilormo by The Heath Family Benjamin Swistak by Tom and Mary
Sun 12/24	8:00 AM	Rosary	
	8:30 AM	Mass	The People of Divine Mercy & The Mission of St. Bernadette
	11:00 AM	Rosary	
	11:30 AM	Mass	Missy Woodard Brown by Mom & Dad
	4:00 PM	Mass	Patricia McIntyre by Family
	4:00 PM	Mass	Julie Farrell by Gerry Kaufman

December Memorial Candles

Divine Mercy Candle #1

Charles Lohm by Wife, Theresa

Divine Mercy Candle #2

Dick Murphy by Ellen Holst

John Paul II Chapel

Peter M. Hafner Love, Your Sister, Heidi

**ETERNAL REST
GRANT UNTO
THEM, O LORD.**

Susan Dashnaw

