



DIVINE MERCY

AT ST. PAUL CHURCH

PARISH

July 10, 2022



THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Luke 10:25-37

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’” (Luke 10:37)

This was Jesus’ command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. Did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other? The moral of the story is to love our neighbor. That means loving someone you may not know, or someone that looks different than you, or someone that has different beliefs than you, or someone that you don’t like. All without expecting anything in return.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday 8:30am—2:00pm

COUNCILS & COMMITTEES

WORK IN
PROGRESS

PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

It is every adult's moral Responsibility to protect victims of abuse by reporting suspected abuse or neglect to the responsible authorities. For assistance you may call: The Office for Healing and Prevention at the Diocese of Worcester at 508-929-4363. Safe Environment Training for all staff and volunteers and CORI back ground checks for all those who work with our children and youth are required at Divine Mercy Parish.



MASS SCHEDULE

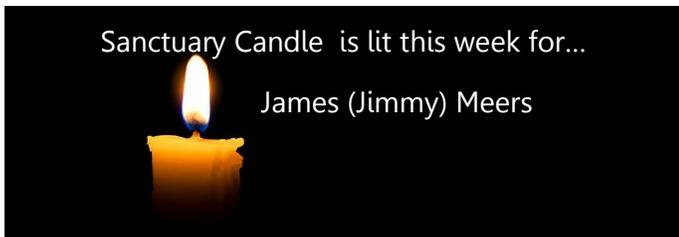
Saturday Vigil, 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, 8 :00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Thursdays 8:00 a.m.
No Mass Wednesday—Father's Day Off
Friday, 6:30 p.m.
followed by Benediction
Holyday Masses as announced
Confession Saturday @ 3 p.m. or
by appointment



SATURDAY	July 9
4:00 PM	Roland Demers -Birthday Remembrance By Wife
SUNDAY	July 10
8:00 AM	Fr. Dennis O'Brien -1st Anniversary Helen Lapan -20th Anniversary By Daughter, Helen Marie
10:30 AM	David Dunne Sr. By A Friend, Simonne
MONDAY	July 11
8:00 AM	Elizabeth & Charles McCool By Gladys Tyks
TUESDAY	July 12
8:00 AM	Fr. Dennis Rocheford By The Harvey Family
WEDNESDAY	July 13
No Mass	
THURSDAY	July 14
8:00 AM	Margaret "Peggy" White By Family
FRIDAY	July 15
6:30 PM	People of Divine Mercy Parish

SATURDAY, July 09 / 4 pm
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Georgette Lavoie / Colleen Curis
Lector Jodi Frazier / Marsha Hafferty
ALTAR SERVER Suzanne Clark / Sam Supple
GREETER Collen Curis
SUNDAY, July 10 / 8 am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Phillip Dunlavey / Fred Stavinski
Lector Susan Hayes / Mike Perron
ALTAR SERVER Christopher Perron
GREETER Mary Jane Benjamin / Renee Perron
Sunday, July 10 / 10:30 AM
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Mary Costanzo / Lynn Morin
Lector Suzanne Fugere / Kristen Marino
ALTAR SERVER Harry Goding
GREETER Jeannette Laplume / Pauline Lariviere

Members of the family requesting the Mass are invited to bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar



DIVINE MERCY MASS BOOK will be open this week, on Friday, July 8th beginning at 9:00am to members of St. Augustine and St. Theresa Parishes for the remainder of this year.

To request a Mass Intention, please come to the back of the rectory, next to the church. Maureen and Toni are available to schedule your Mass Intentions.



Backpack and Supplies

Drive

For students in the
Blackstone-Millville District
in conjunction with

St. Vincent de Paul Society

During the entire month of July,
we are collecting

Notebook

Folders

Pens

Pencils

Highlighters

Markers

Crayons

Glue sticks

Binders

Scissors

Pencil cases

Rulers

Lined paper

Items may be dropped off before/after all Masses
in the church or at the rectory during regular
business hours (8:30am-2:00pm)

Help our children get off to a good start in the next
school year with all the items they need!

Sacraments

BAPTISM: Baptisms are normally scheduled on Sun-
days. Please contact Fr. John Larochelle or Deacon
Mike Hafferty for catechesis and to make
arrangement for celebration of the sacrament.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:
Adults wishing to become Catholics or complete the
Sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirma-
tion, Eucharist) should contact the rectory for details.

RECONCILIATION/PENANCE: Saturdays from
3:00pm to 3:40pm or by appointment.

MARRIAGE: Marriage preparation takes about one
year in advance of your anticipated marriage.

Couples who wish to marry at Divine Mercy Parish
should make arraignments to meet with Father John
Larochelle as soon as possible.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call the
rectory for a hospital visit or anointing of the sick ap-
pointment.

HOMEBOUND: Communion calls to the home-
bound are important pastoral concerns. Please call
the rectory to notify us of those unable to come to
church.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

A mid-summer warning: the political campaign ads that may have started broadcasting where you live are only bound to intensify by the Fall. Most of us don't like them. The issues are hotly contested; the ads highly contrived; and most viewers hugely annoyed by the intrusions the ads make into their favorite TV viewing.

Not the same for the often gentle, but sometimes urgent plea for true believers issued by Jesus working His "campaign" for their hearts, minds and souls. Today He makes a well-targeted effort for this unnamed "scholar of the law who comes to Him with that important question: "Who is my neighbor?" We call Our Lord's response "The Parable of the Good Samaritan." What a story! What a pot shot against indifference when caring mercy is the need! What a "shout out" for a non-judgmental attitude toward the caregiver's religion!

We know all about the Jewish dislike for the Samaritans. They were despised and regarded as unclean traitors of the Law of Moses. Jews didn't mind the inconvenience of traveling those extra few miles on any trek North of home by circumventing Samaritan country. They were not going to be contaminated by entering the place. Those people were just no good. So Jesus uses irony and makes a Samaritan the hero of His story. He is indeed the neighbor who showed mercy and spawned a forever nickname for good deeds done for the helpless.

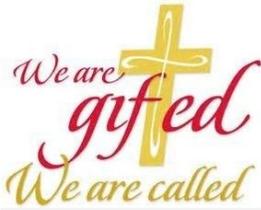
The questioning lawyer got his unexpected answer. He was forced to acknowledge the truth. If He believed Jesus, he would have to acknowledge the goodness of an inherited enemy. So he answered Jesus question about neighborliness very craftily by saying "The one who treated him with mercy." "The one." A clever subterfuge to avoid saying "the Samaritan. But neither he nor we can avoid Jesus' command to imitation.

We know that the Samaritan was "right and just," to quote from part of our dialogue with the priest at the Preface of Mass. I believe we'd all like to be rid of prejudices and rash judgments in our attitude. Yet they cling to us like "velcro."

That's really part of why we gather on a weekend around the altar: to offer contrition and worship with praise for the Person who made us out of lowly dust. We celebrate the Eucharist left us by the Father's only Son so that we can be fed with the spiritual food for the ongoing struggle to stop judging others.

Like the parable itself, there's no flaw in Christ's campaign for our hearts. If anything, the fault lies in our recalcitrant egos. But then again sometimes pride meets its match as in this story:

Once upon a time one fellow was talking to another. "My wife and I," he exclaims, "got angry last night and we had a fight." His friend asked him, "How did it end up?" Why, she came crawling to me on her hands and knees!" "What did she say then?" She said, 'Come out from under that bed, you coward.'" God love you and give you His peace.



During the month of July, Divine Mercy Parish will be meeting with the three previous existing parish ministries to reorganize and introduce them here at Divine Mercy! We invite any member of our new parish community to be a part these renewed ministries and others as they are introduced. The sharing of our faith, gifts and talents will be the cornerstone as we grow into one church!

A body is made up of many parts, and each of them has its own use. That's how it is with us. There are many of us, but we each are part of the body of Christ, as well as part of one another. Romans 12:4-5

Blackstone-Millville Food Pantry

The Blackstone-Millville Food Pantry is located in the Parish Center at Divine Merch Parish, at 48 St. Paul Street Blackstone.

It is open to residents of Blackstone and Millville. Residents are required to have a photo ID and proof of residency.

The Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays from 7 pm—8pm and on Saturdays from 10am—11am.



Church Offering Envelopes for Divine Mercy Parish have been ordered.

Existing parishioners from all three parishes who are transitioning over to Divine Mercy Parish, you do not need to sign up for envelopes. The Divine Mercy offering envelopes will automatically be mailed to your homes over in August. In the mean time, please continue to use your prior parishes envelopes until your new ones arrive. **BUT... starting July 1st please make all checks payable to Divine Mercy Parish.** Thank You!

Twice Treasure Thrift Store:

Twice Treasured News: The last few weeks has seen a dip in the amount of revenue being brought in. We are confident that that will change because we are still welcoming newcomers and old friends week after week. The best way to advertise our thrift store is word of mouth. Come yourself! Bring a friend! Donations are coming in in manageable amounts. We are ALWAYS looking for those unique pieces of decor, curtains, collections of any kind, toasters, crock pots, lego sets, and jewelry and rings. Our pocketbooks are selling very well. Donations are accepted Monday, Friday, and Saturday 8 a.m. to noon. They should be clean and without damage. We look forward to seeing you at Twice Treasured Thrift store of Divine Mercy Parish where strangers become friends and friends reconnect!

12 Golden Steps is an addiction recovery group that previously met on St. Theresa's property, has relocated to Divine Mercy Parish.

This group meets Monday thru Saturday from 12noon to 1pm in the Parish Center.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Stay tuned for upcoming announcements on the Divine Mercy Parish Integrated Religious Education Program for this fall!

Kids Kamp announcement will be coming soon! Get ready for fun, snacks, games and if you're not careful, you may just learn something!

**Weekly Offertory
July 3, 2022**



Weekly Offering \$
2nd Collection \$
On-line Giving \$
TOTAL COLLECTION \$

Additional Income:
Thrift Store \$