

DIVINE MERCY PARISH
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA
ONE FAMILY, ONE PEOPLE, UNITED IN FAITH
March 31, 2024



RECTORY AND PARISH CHURCH

6667 Chester Avenue
(215) 727-8300
(215) 727-5932 (FAX)

DIVINE MERCY PARISH
(Alternate Worship Site)
7200 Grovers Avenue

PASTOR
Reverend Peter Quan Trinh

PASTOR EMERITUS
Rev. Peter N. Quinn

COORDINATOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Deacon Diep Nguyen

BUSINESS MANAGER
John Duffner

Parish Email
divinemercyparish@comcast.net

RECTORY STAFF
Sr. Tuyet Pham, OP
Monday thru Wednesday 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
Thursday 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Parish Website
divinemercyrc.com

Weekday Masses - 8:30 AM Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at Chester Avenue,
and 8:00 PM Monday, Wednesday and Friday streaming on ZOOM

Sunday Masses - 4:00 PM (Saturday evening) and 8:30 A.M. (Vietnamese), 11:00 AM at Chester Avenue
9:00 AM at Grovers Avenue

Holyday Masses - 9:00 AM - Grovers Avenue; 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM - Chester Avenue

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Before and after the 4:00 PM vigil on Saturday at Chester Avenue and anytime by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism - Baptisms are celebrated at 12:00 PM every 2nd and 3rd Sundays of month, immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass. Parents must meet with Deacon Diep Nguyen before the child is baptized. Please call Deacon Nguyen at 610-804-0908 or e-mail him at diepdione@gmail.com to make an appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage - Please call Father Trinh at least six months before your wedding to begin preparations.

Sacrament of the Sick - Please call the Rectory at anytime for emergencies. The homebound are visited regularly by Father Trinh and the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If you or a family member is hospitalized and would like a visit, please call the Rectory. Please call the Rectory, also, if you would like to be anointed before you are hospitalized.

Letters of Eligibility - Prior to your being a godparent at Baptism or a sponsor at Confirmation, you must receive a Letter of Eligibility from Divine Mercy Parish. You must be a registered parishioner who is at least 16 years of age, who has already received Confirmation, who comes to Mass on Sundays and Holydays, and, if married, is married in the Church. Please call the Rectory to arrange to meet with Father Trinh when you need a Letter of Eligibility.

MISSION STATEMENT OF DIVINE MERCY PARISH

We, the faithful of Divine Mercy Parish, in communion with our Holy Father, our Archbishop and with our Pastor, warmly welcome all who come to worship Jesus Christ who proclaims a wonderful message of Mercy for all mankind.

We therefore commit ourselves to Worship God and create a praying community through reception of sacraments, especially the celebration of the Eucharist, and Sacred Scripture. To accept and adapt to different nationalities, races and cultures of our community so as to enhance the rich diversity of God's Kingdom. Teach the saving message of Jesus Christ so that the faithful will gain a deeper appreciation of the Catholic faith and thus invite others into our faith community. Serve all our brothers and sisters, particularly the elderly, the poor and the needy, by generous acts of charity and by working together with all people of good will for peace and justice

EASTER SUNDAY



Saturday	March 30th	
4:00 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Salvatore Accardo	
Sunday	March 31st	
9:00 AM	Rose De Stefano	
11:00 AM	People of the parish	
Monday	April 1st	
8:00 PM	People of the parish	
Tuesday	April 2nd	
8:30 AM	People of the parish	
Wednesday	April 3rd	
8:00 PM	People of the parish	
Thursday	April 4th	
8:30 AM	People of the parish	
Friday	April 5th	
7:00 PM	People of the parish	
8:00 PM	People of the parish	
Saturday	April 6th	
8:30 AM	People of the parish	

Liberian Mass

The Liberian community mass will be Sunday, April 14, 2024 at 11:00 AM.

8:30 AM MASSES

The 8:30 AM masses on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday are dual language masses with prayers and readings in both Vietnamese and English. The 8:00 PM masses on Monday, Wednesday and Friday are streaming on ZOOM. The Zoom ID is 267-334-0251 and the password is 082916.

BREAD AND WINE



There is a custom in many parishes that one may donate the cost of the Bread and Wine for their intentions. The suggested donation is \$20.00 per week. Please call the rectory at (215) 727-8300



PRAY FOR...

Tom Finnegan	Thomas Powers
Claire Fay	Julie Tufts
Edward Beckett	Michael Rusinko
Omni Kendall	Philip Bearse
Mary Grace Rossi	Vince and Angie Dida
Margaret Tocco	Karen Mink
Robert Brown	Angelo Giudecca
Christina McClain	Peter John Enders
Joan Vole	John Dacca
Mary Parisi	Joan Felucca
Carl Schaff III	Christie Cellucci Miller
Anita Iannacone	Christopher Gray
Angela Gray	Sotonius Quinn
Chibuikem Chukwa	Abran Barnes
Jamie Puglese	Robert Kasam
Gloria Shafman,	Steve Tregar
Margaret & Neil Doherty	Kathy Boris
Marcus Newsome	Kathleen Litchner
Kay Daly	Jim Finnegan
Kevin Goffery	Rita Goffery
Keith MacIntyre	Agnes Currie
Pat Foster	Debbie Station
Salvatore Accardo	Anton Simon Dat

HOW TO GET A CURRENT BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE OR MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE?

If you would like to get a current baptismal certificate or a current marriage certificate, please provide us the following information;

1. An Original Copy of your Baptismal Certificate or Marriage Certificate. If you don't have this information, for Baptismal Certificate, please tell us what particular Church where you were baptized, since Divine Mercy Parish is the merge of Saint Clement Church, Saint Raphael Church, St. Vincent Church, Saint Irenaeus Church and Good Shepherd Church. Also provide us your date of birth, the date of your baptism, your full name, your father's name, your mother's maiden name and your god-parents' name. For Marriage Certificate, please tell us what particular Church where you were married, the date of your marriage, your full name, your parents' full names, your spouse's maiden name and your spouse's parents' full names.

2. Then mail the information to **DIVINE MERCY RECTORY: 6667 Chester Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19142** along with a stamped self-addressed return envelope and \$10 Fee. Please mail to this address only. If you mail to other churches, we will not receive your mail.



THE JOY OF EASTER

My dear brothers and sisters, what happened if Jesus was not resurrected? If that was the case, we would have had no hope, no joy and no direction for life. Here is a little story to demonstrate this point of view.

There was a movie about a famous Archeologist. In order to be famous, he told people that he was digging tombs, he found the body of Jesus. Because he had a great reputation, people in his village believed in him. As a result, people became desperate and stopped going to Church. No one dared to go to Church anymore. Priests left the Church and went home. Nuns stopped going to chapel to pray. The Church was totally dark. There was no longer activity in Church. The whole village was sunk into darkness: People no longer celebrate Christmas and Easter. The film became so sad.

However, it continued with a very interesting detail. The Archaeologist became very sick. When he knew that he was going to die, so he summoned the villagers and told them the truth about the body of Jesus. He did not find the body of Jesus at all. In order to make himself famous, he made a fake body of Jesus and put it into the tomb before he and other archaeologists dig that tomb. As soon as he confessed his lie, people ran into the tomb to certify that the body in the tomb was a fake body of Jesus.

The villagers were so happy. They then rang the Church's bell, turned all Church's lights on, decorated flowers in the whole village. The priests and nuns came back to Church. All people came to Church with a joyful face, and priest put liturgical vestment all to celebrate Easter. It was the most joyful Easter that they have ever celebrated.

My dear brothers and sisters, let us fill ourselves with the joy of Resurrection and bring it to those God put into our hands to love and care for. Years ago, I saw a young lady, who lost one of her legs due to diabetes. She sat on the wheel chair entering the Church. That shocked me greatly, because I used to see her walking into Church every Sunday. Now she is on a wheel chair. So I try to console her, "In the life of resurrection, God will give two legs and two wings as well. You will look as young and beautiful as an angel is." She smiled and said, "I am sure." That is the joy of resurrection.

NIỀM VUI CHÚA PHỤC SINH

Anh chị em thân mến. Nếu Chúa không sống lại, thì điều gì sẽ xảy ra. Chúng ta sẽ không có niềm vui, không hy vọng, không hướng đi cho cuộc đời. Sau đây là câu chuyện diễn tả sự vô vọng nếu Chúa không sống lại cũng như niềm vui vì Chúa đã thực sự sống lại.

Có 1 bộ phim tên " Cuộc chiến trong đêm tối" Nói về 1 nhà khảo cổ lừng danh. Để được nổi tiếng, ông đã tuyên truyền rằng khi đào những ngôi mộ, ông đã gặp xác Đức Giêsu. Vì ông từng là người rất có uy tín trong làng nên khi nghe ông tuyên bố chắc nịch như vậy thì không còn ai đến nhà thờ, các linh mục xếp áo về nhà, các soeur không còn đến nguyện đường đọc kinh, nhà thờ chìm trong bóng tối, ngôi làng ngập trong bóng đêm. Thế giới sống trong sự vô vọng.

Nhưng bộ phim không dừng lại ở đó mà có tiếp tục với một chi tiết ly kỳ hơn. Đó là khi nhà khảo cổ lâm trọng bệnh. Biết không thể qua được, ông liền mời mọi người đến và thú nhận rằng ngày ấy chỉ để muốn lừng danh thiên hạ nên ông âm thầm cho làm một cái xác Đức Giêsu đặt vào đó rồi mới bắt đầu thám hiểm đào mộ. Vừa dứt lời thú tội của nhà khảo cổ, mọi người chạy ra khu đất xây cất xác định cái xác giả liền gióng chuông nhà thờ, đèn sáng rực, bầu trời tung bùng như hội, các soeur trở lại nguyện đường hát ca ngợi khen, các linh mục khoác phẩm phục vào đền thánh. Thế giới tràn đầy hy vọng.

Anh chị em thân mến, chúng ta hãy sống niềm vui Chúa Phục Sinh và mang niềm vui đến cho nhau. Mười năm trước, có một phụ nữ bị cưa mất một chân vì bệnh Cao Đường, ngồi trên xe lăn đi vào nhà thờ. Điều đó làm cho tôi bàng hoàng vì Chúa Nhật tuần trước tôi còn thấy chị vẫn còn hai chân đi lễ nhà thờ. Tôi mới an ủi chị, "Chị đừng buồn nhé. Khi xác loài người sống lại, Chúa sẽ ban cho chị đôi chân và cả đôi cánh nữa. Chị sẽ trẻ đẹp giống như một thiên thần." Chị tươi cười, "Con cũng tin như vậy." Đó chính là niềm vui Chúa Phục Sinh.

Happy Easter,
Father Peter Quan Trinh

EASTER SUNDAY

Thank you note from Bishop Michael Fitzgerald for his reception by the parish at the confirmations.



3/21/24

*Dear Father Quan,
Thank you for a beautiful visit to Divine Mercy Parish on March 17 for the sacrament of Confirmation. I enjoyed meeting with the Confirmation as well as having lunch with representatives of your parish community. Thank you also for the spiritual bouquet and the generous stipend.
In Christ, + Michael J. Fitzgerald*

Parish Support

March 24th 2024

First collection	\$1,535.00
Energy and Fuel Costs	\$125.00
Stole Fee	\$40.00

*Thank you for generously supporting your parish.
Your extra sacrifices are greatly appreciated.*

*Please remember **Agnes Currie**, our secretary and **Pat Foster**, a volunteer who are ill, in your prayers.*

LOOSE COINS FOR THE PARISH

Please save your coin and put them in the containers when you go to the church.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: FEAST DAY OF THE PARISH SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 7, 2024

Saturday, April 6th

3:00 PM: Divine Mercy hour at the Main Church (English)

Prayer service at which the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said. Sr. Tuiti Tran will give a talk about the Divine Mercy apparitions to Sr. Faustina. Confessions will be heard during this time.

4:00 PM: Vigil Mass at Main Church (English)

Sunday, April 7th

Only one mass on Divine Mercy Sunday

11:00 AM: Procession at Worship Site (St. Irenaeus)

A Eucharistic procession from the worship site church along 73rd Street to Dicks Avenue and back. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited during the Procession.

11:30 AM: Solemn Mass at Worship Site (St. Irenaeus) (Bilingual)

At this Mass, together all three Communities will celebrate the Parish Feast Day.

12:30 PM: Reception in the Parish Hall.

Mass is followed by a Special Reception hosted by the three Communities. We will celebrate our parish's diverse cultures with food from our heritage. We recognize that we are one in faith but many different cultural backgrounds in America. We plan to represent the Italians, Polish, Liberians and Vietnamese and of course the Yankee Americans. We encourage anyone else to bring food from their ethnic group to be represented. Please reply to Sue McElvenney so we can have a place for your dish at the buffet table. Please call 215 429 0982 (voice and text). We truly are "One from many."

There will be a donation box in the church to help with the expenses of buying paper products and the food used.

Transportation

Volunteers will be needed to transport parishioners from the main church to the worship site on Sunday. Please contact the rectory at 215-727-8300 to volunteer.