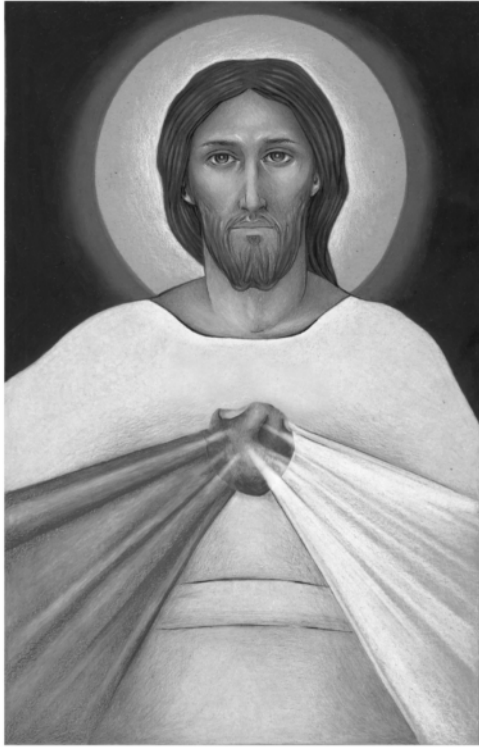


DIVINE MERCY PARISH

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA
DECEMBER 16, 2018



SCHOOL
St. Barnabas School
64th Street and Buist Avenue
(215) 729-3603

RECTORY AND PARISH CHURCH

6667 Chester Avenue

(215) 727-8300

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ST. IRENAEUS CHURCH (Alternate Worship Site)

7200 Grovers Avenue

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Weekday Masses - 8:00 AM Monday, through Saturday at Chester Avenue
Sunday Masses - 4:00 PM (Saturday evening) and 8:30 A.M. (Viet) , 11:00 AM at Chester Avenue
9:00 AM at Grovers Avenue
Holyday Masses - 9:00 AM - Grovers Avenue; 7:00 PM - Chester Avenue

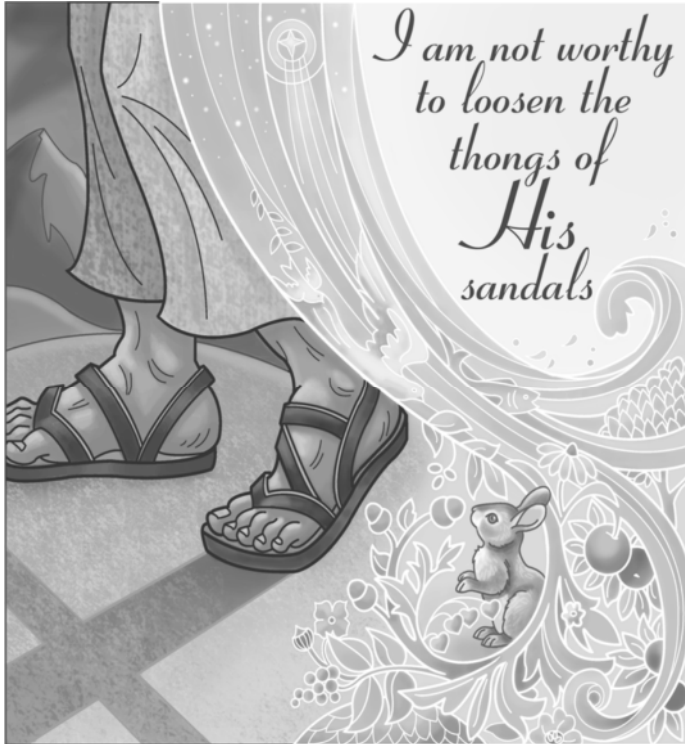
Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturday, 3:00-3:45 PM at Chester Avenue; Sunday, 8:30 AM at Grovers Avenue.; and anytime by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism - Baptisms are celebrated at 12:00 PM every second, third and fourth Sunday, immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass. Parents must meet with Father Quinn before the child is baptized. Please call the Rectory Office to make an appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage - Please call Father Quinn 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 Quinn 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 Quinn when you need a Letter of Eligibility.



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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday	December 15th 4:00 P.M.	Elizabeth Bannon
Sunday	December 16th 9:00 A.M.	Carletta Ickinger
	11:00 A.M.	Mr. Donald McMurray
Monday	December 17th 8:00 A.M.	Feighery Family
Tuesday	December 18th 8:00 A.M.	Leo Botta
Wednesday	December 19th 8:00 A.M.	Anna Yanetti
Thursday	December 20th 8:00 A. M.	Pray for good health Ms. Sandy Collazzo ((L))
Friday	December 21st 8:00 A.M.	People of the parish
Saturday	December 22nd 8:00 A. M.	Father Quinn Intention

REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called "Gaudete Sunday." The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to "rejoice always in the Lord," and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God's work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is "the season of joy." Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

The King of Israel, the LORD,
is in your midst,
you have no further misfortune to fear.
— Zephaniah 3:15b

Your Sacrificial Offering

DECEMBER 8 & 9, 2018

First Collection	\$ 1,576.00
Religious	\$ 138.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 639.00

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

PRAY FOR . . .

Sandy Collazzo	Lawrence Benson
Joseph Stewart	Thomas Powers
Thomas Ransome	Rosalinde T. Mascuilli
Edward Beckett	Michael Rusinko
Omni Kendall	Philip Bearse
Mary Grace Rossi	Vince and Angie Dida
Angelo Giudecca	Christina McClain
Peter John Enders,	Joan Vole,
John Dacca	Mary Parisi
Joan Felucca,	Theresa Haraburda
Christie Cellucci Miller	Anita Iannacone
Christopher Gray	Angela Gray
Sotonius Quinn	Zofia Richmond
Chibuikem Chukwa	Abran Barnes
Kathy Boris	Jamie Puglese
Robert Kasam	Gloria Shafman
Karen Mink	Steve Tregar
Lurline Witherspoon	Juanita Pinckney
Marcus Newsome	Brendon Tobin
Sheila Kendall	Elaine Spielman
Edward Missimo	Jim Finnegan
Robert Brown	Louise Covotta
Frank Chor	Bob Winkler
Michelle Parisi	Jacqueline Redmond
Margaret & Neil Doherty	Sheila Kendal
Ounir Kendal	Margaret Tocco
Louis Guidici	Tom Finnegan
Carl Schaff III	Andrea Bailey
Gladys Scott	Sandy Mcclees
Thomas Dahn	

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HALL RENTAL

Our Hall is so beautiful. Big Parking lot, air conditioned hall, newly renovated bathrooms, clean floor and kitchen area. Rental fee is \$1600.00. This fee includes cleaning, security, chaperon men, and dumpster. Insurance from the diocese now \$94.00. An extra security deposit of \$250.00 for any violation. It will be returned to the renter in full or minus violation's fee. If anyone wants to rent it, please call the rectory. For more information, please call the rectory at (215) 727-8300 Monday thru Wednesday 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. and Thursday from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P. M..

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WITNESSES

Our actions are the best witnesses of our thoughts.

—Anonymous

BULLETIN NEWS IN VIETNAMESE

* Hôm nay là chủ nhật thứ 3 mùa vọng. Dân chúng hỏi xem Giao có phải là Đấng cứu thế không khi thấy ngài giảng dạy hay quá. Ngài trả lời ngay: ngài không phải là đức Kitô, Đấng đến sau ngài mới là đức Kitô. Ngài có ý nói là Chúa Kitô. Chúng ta hãy đón Chúa Giêsu.

*Thánh John Neumann ban rất nhiều ơn lạ cho các người tới cầu khẩn. Tôi đã đưa tượng của người vào đèn khấn Đức Mẹ ở bên hông phải nhà thờ. Hãy tin tưởng và cầu xin ngài.

* Ý Cầu Nguyện: Sau mấy tháng chúng ta cầu nguyện cả tuần cho các ý khấn ghi trong Rô Khấn, mỗi tuần có mấy người tạ ơn Chúa. Anh chị em VN chúng ta nên ghi ý nguyện bỏ vào rô.
Chúng ta càng tin tưởng, với lời cầu nguyện của cả giáo xứ, Chúa càng ban ơn.

* Nếu quý vị đi chợ Shoprite và có hoá đơn (receipts), xin gửi cho giáo xứ khi đi lễ. Shoprite sẽ tặng lại cho giáo xứ .05% hoá đơn. (Cứ 100.00 thì giáo xứ được \$.50 cents). Hóa đơn chỉ có giá trị 5 tháng. Vạy xin cho càng sớm càng tốt.
Cám ơn quý vị ủng hộ

SHOP RITE RECEIPTS

Shop Rite Brown at Island Ave. and any Brown Shop Rite give to the parish Half of 1% of your receipt. So if you go to Shop Rite, please save your receipts and give to us. You may put them in box in front of the church (Irenaeus) or inside the church (Divine Mercy) near the Coin Container.

Many thanks to Tony who spent a lot of time to add up all the receipts.

Only Shop Rite Brown gives to us half of 1%. **DO NOT BRING ANY OTHER RECEIPT.**

Expiration Date: **Receipts are valid within 5 months from the sale date. So please give to us as soon as you have them.**

Thank You

LOOSE COIN FOR THE PARISH

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

The parish appreciated your effort and sacrifice. **Coin of this time is about \$248.00** Thanks to all who participated in this program.

REGISTRATION

Since many of our parishioners do not register in the parish, and when they go to the church, they put their collection either without envelope or with envelope but without address. Therefore we cannot credit them for tax purpose at the end of the year.

So, we leave REGISTRATION FORM ON THE TABLE IN THE VESTIBULE. You can use it and fill out the registration form. Do not forget to give PHONE NUMBER so if we need more information, we can call you.

After that leave it in that REGISTRATION BOX. Thank You

2019 MASS BOOK

Our Mass Book for 2019 is officially open.. Masses will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Masses can be requested at the rectory during normal business hours (9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.). The donation for an announced Mass is

SAINT RITA'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Thursday, December 20th at 7:30 pm, the National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia will host their Annual Christmas Concert! This celebration will showcase The Collegiate Choir of Philadelphia under the direction of Mr. Michael Sheerin. All are welcome to attend! For more information, please call 215-546-8333, ext. 10.

2019 CALENDARS

We thank Marvil Funeral Home, 1110 Main Street, Darby, Pa. who is so generous to provide calendars again this year for our parish. Please take one home or to a shut-in. Calendars are in the back of church May God bless their family and business.

CCD SCHOOL

CCD school opened on Sunday September 23, 2018.

First grade for first year in CCD program.

Second grade or older for First Penance and Holy Communion.

Older children also be welcome to study Catechism for higher class and preparation for Confirmation in 2020.

Class officially started September 30, 2018

Fee: \$60.00 a year (This tuition for books and breakfast and party during CCD school year)

Family with poor income may discuss with Fr. Quinn and Ms. Tina. For more information please see Fr. Quinn, Fr. Quan Trinh or Ms. Tina.

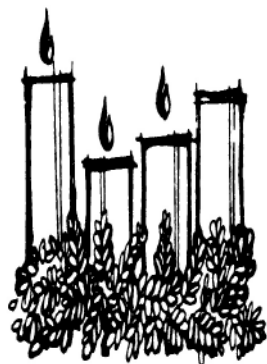
IMPRESSIONABLE

A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every passerby leaves a mark.

—Ancient Chinese proverb

ONE FAMILY, ONE PEOPLE

NEW LITURGICAL YEAR



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The New liturgical year will begin with First Sunday of Advent December 2, 2018. Advent will last for 4 Sundays and Christmas will be on Tuesday December 25.

The Sunday readings will be in Year of CYCLE C.

Week day masses' readings will be in odd Year (2019) or year 1

* Please pick up Advent Program to join with the parish to pray and prepare ourselves for Christmas.

MASS SCHEDULE ON CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 4:00 P.M..

**Christmas Day 9:00 A.M. at Irenaeus,
11:00 A.M. at main church.**

MASS SCHEDULE ON NEW YEAR

No New Year Eve Vigil Mass

**New Year Day (1-1): 9:00 A.M. at Irenaeus,
11:00 A.M. at main church**

BREAD AND WINE

In many parishes, there is a custom that someone may donate for the cost of Bread and Wine with their intention. **It was suggested to me that the donation is about \$20.00 per week. If you want to donate to parish, please call Agnes (215) 727-8300.**

ST. JOHN NEUMANN

Do you know where St. John Neumann statue in Divine Mercy main church is?

Probably most of you don't know. Since he has been put out of the way at one side corner of the church.

You know that St. John listens to our prayers especially prayer for the healing of the children. He made numerous miracles.

Do you want him to help you out?

There is a petition box in that shrine. Please write your intention and put it in box.

Come to St. J. Neumann for help.

Come to Our Lady and to Our Beloved St. Neumann for help.

Hãy chạy đến khăn Đức Mẹ và khăn thánh Neumann

INTENTION IN PRAYER BASKET

I thank the many people who pray for the intentions of our parishioners on Sundays and weekdays.

Each week we have some people who thank God for their prayers which are answered. Please check the thanksgiving basket to see if it is true.

Do not hesitate to put your intentions in the basket.

You could feel the power of God in this ministry.

UNITED IN FAITH



Rejoice, Rejoice, The savior is come.

Today is the third Sunday of Advent. It is also called Gaudete Sunday.

Gaudete Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent. The Antiphon for Gaudete Sunday, in both the Traditional Latin Mass and the New Ordo, is taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "*Gaudete in Domino semper*" ("Rejoice in the Lord always").

Like Lent, Advent is a penitential season, so the priest normally wears purple vestments. But on Gaudete Sunday, having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little, and the priest may wear rose vestments. The change in color provides us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation—especially prayer and fasting for Christmas. For this same reason, the third candle of the Advent wreath, first lit on Gaudete Sunday, is traditionally rose-colored.

The Gospel tells us that people rejoiced and welcome the time of the Savior, and they thought that John would be the messiah. But John immediately denied such an identity. He said that he is not the messiah but his precursor. He is the one who prepares the way for the messiah. One mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen his sandals' straps.

People asked John what to do to welcome the messiah. He told them how.

In more than a week, we will celebrate the birthday of our Lord. Are you ready to welcome him? Do you rejoice in God to welcome the messiah and the salvation he brought to us?

Father Quinn

DECISION FOR EACH WEEK

Each member of the parish prays to the Lord **once a day**:
Lord Jesus, come to us.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

If You cannot go to the church, you may read the readings of the day to pray the word of God.

Sun. December 16:	Zephaniah 1:14-18; Philippians 4:4-7; Lk. 3:10-18
Mon. December 17	Genesis 49:2-10; Mt. 1:1-17
Tues. December 18:	Jeremiah 23:5-8; Mt. 1:18-25
Wed. December 19:	Judges 13:2-15; Lk. 1:5-25
Thur. December 20:	Isaiah 7:10-14; Lk. 1:26-38
Friday December 21:	Songs of songs 2:8-14; Lk. 1:38-45
Sat. December 22:	Samuel 1:24-28; Lk. 1:46-56

OFFICE HOURS

Monday Thru Wednesday: from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.
(Thursday From 9:00 am to 1:00 pm)

Office closes on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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