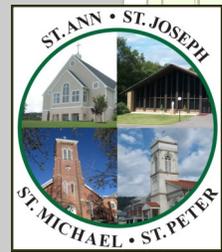


DIVINE MERCY PARISH

September 13-20, 2020

The Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Public Mass has resumed! Please consult our website and social media for information regarding our safe return to Mass.

Recorded Weekend Mass is still available to view online each weekend at our parish website:
www.divinemercymd.org

As of September 14, 2020, the Parish office is open from 9am—12pm, Monday-Thursday by appointment.

To make an appointment, please call Alison Lyons: alison.lyons@archbalt.org or Virginia Gostomski: vgostomski@archbalt.org. Please call the emergency line: 301.689.3347 for emergencies.

Parish Collection for September 6, 2020: Envelopes: \$9,340.50.00 | ACH: \$2,809.00 | Religious Education: \$813.00

400 Club Winners for September 7, 2020: \$500: #240: Danny DiUbaldo | \$100: #371: Becky Roberts

LIMITED DAILY MASS HAS RESUMED! We will be holding Daily Mass on TUESDAY at St. Michael and on FRIDAY St. Peter.
Daily Mass begins at 8:30 AM.



Mass Intentions for September 12-20, 2020



Saturday, September 12	4PM St. Peter	All Parishioners
	5PM St. Michael	Michael S. Warne
Sunday, September 13	8AM St. Michael	Oliver Meagher
	9AM St. Joseph	All Parishioners
	10AM St. Ann	All Parishioners
	11AM St. Peter	Fr. Paul Byrnes
	12PM St. Michael	Mary Theresa Kallmyer
Tuesday, September 15	8:30AM St. Michael	All Parishioners
Friday, September 18	8:30AM St. Peter	All Parishioners
Saturday, September 19	4PM St. Peter	All Parishioners
	5PM St. Michael	Charles, Vienna, and Joseph Paletta
Sunday, September 20	8AM St. Michael	Zona Garlitz
	9AM St. Joseph	Sally Cunningham
	10AM St. Ann	All Parishioners
	11AM St. Peter	All Parishioners
	12PM St. Michael	John & Viola Walters & Children



Prayer of the Week: A Prayer for our Earth by Pope Francis*

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

** Pope Francis published this prayer in his Laudato Si' encyclical, and is meant for sharing with all who believe in a God who is the all-powerful Creator.*



Domenico Fetti
Parable of the Wicked Servant

circa 1620, detail

This newsletter is available online each week. If you would like to receive mailed copies, please contact the parish office at 301.689.6767 or alison.lyons@archbalt.org.



Saint of the Week – St. Teresa of Calcutta - Feast Day: September 5

St. Teresa of Calcutta died in 1997 and is a saint of our own era. Known as Mother Teresa during her lifetime, many of us heard about her great ministry with the poorest of the poor in India and around the globe in the 1980's and 90's. Her cause for sainthood quickly progressed after her death. She was canonized in 2016, so she is one of our newer saints. She was called to religious life and became a nun but then felt a "call within a call" to go even farther and deeper into service for God. She felt called to be God's love in action: to serve the sick and dying, the hungry and homeless.

She gave comfort and help to those most in need and others were called to serve with her and her new order of religious sisters became the Missionaries of Charity and today, over 5,000 sisters and lay workers continue Mother Teresa's works of love in almost 140 countries. Mother Teresa made extraordinary sacrifices and completely depended on God for her simple life. Her journals showed that, too, like many of us, struggled with doubt and questions but she continued to choose faith and live her call to serve God and live in holiness.

She reminded all of us that "holiness is not the luxury of the few... but holiness is a simple duty" for all of us. How can you choose holiness this week? Who in your life or community is most in need? How can you share God's love with them and live your holiness this week? St. Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us!

Weekly Home Challenge for the 24th Week in Ordinary Time

This Sunday's Gospel challenges us to treat others as we want to be treated. The example which Jesus uses to illustrate this teaching is the one of debtors and forgiveness of debt. Throughout the Scriptures, we hear God challenging us to forgive debt and give people a second chance. Your challenge this week is to focus personally or globally on debt forgiveness. If you go the local route, ask yourself who most needs a second chance in your life. Whose "debt" can you forgive? If you want to meet the global challenge, ask who most needs a second chance, or a chance to start over, in the world. Is it victims of a natural disaster? Could it be those who have suffered from political persecution? Pay attention to what is happening in the world, then choose a group or individual in need of a second chance. How you can help them get it?

Question of the Week of Sept. 13, 2020

The "Question of the Week" is now a regular feature of the Divine Mercy Parish Newsletter. Each week, we offer an easy question from our Sunday readings. You can reflect on the question and, for a more powerful impact on your life, share your reflection with someone else in your family. You can even get a faith partner and share over the phone, email or social media, or socially distanced cup of coffee. Remember, there is no such thing as a wrong answer!

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time:

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times." (Matthew 18:21-22)



Adults: When someone hurts you, how do you forgive them?

Kids: When have you forgiven someone who treated you unfairly?

Volunteers are needed to help out at all Parish Masses! If you are willing and able to help out at any weekend Mass, please call the Parish Office.

All volunteers must be VIRTUS trained. If you need to complete the VIRTUS training program, please contact the Parish office.