Divine Mercy Parish

Saint Rita Church
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Website: **DivineMercyHamden.com**
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OFFICE HOURS
St. Rita Rectory
Monday to Thursday
8:30 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.
Friday
8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Weekend Masses
Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses - 7:30 a.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

December 20, 2020

Reverend Monsignor Joseph V. DiSciacca, Pastor
Deacon Joseph Ryzewski

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! Please introduce yourself to us and visit our parish office to register.

SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Congratulations! Please call the parish office at 203-248-5513 or 203-288-6439 to register for pre-Baptism class.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions Saturday 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Best Wishes! Please call the parish office at 203-248-5513 at least six months prior to wedding date to begin sacramental preparation.

MASS INTENTIONS

4th Sunday of Advent
Saturday, December 19th–
4:00PM Paul Anthony Saracco requested by family
Sunday, December 20th-
9:00AM Brian Culver requested by family
11:30AM Joaquim Monteiro Nova requested by family

Monday, December 21st-
7:30AM Michael Glynn requested by family
Tuesday, December 22nd-
7:30AM Anne Fare requested by Frankie Maciejak
Wednesday, December 23rd
7:30AM William Miller requested by family
Thursday, December 24th Vigil of Christmas
4:00PM John and James McKeon requested by family
6:00PM Family Mass for Christmas
10:00PM Donna Kafka requested by family
Friday, December 25th Christmas Day
9:00AM For the People of Divine Mercy Parish
10:30AM For families and friends of Divine Mercy

Feast of the Holy Family
Saturday, December 26th–
4:00PM Martin Donohue requested by Marie Donnelly
Sunday, December 27th-
9:00AM Edward Allen requested by family
11:30AM Margaret McHugh requested by family

DIVINE MERCY PARISH

Weekly Financial Report *December 13th*

Weekly	**$ 4,027.00**
Online	**$ 875.00**
Total	**$ 4,902.00**
Monthly	**$ 510.00**
Online	**$ 1,889.00**
Total	**$ 2,399.00**

Retired Religious $ 1,665.00
Immaculate Conception $ 568.00
Online Givers 116

Online Giving

To sign up for online giving go to www.divinemercyhamden.com tap the *icon* for online giving and follow instructions to register.

Book of Life

Readings for the week of December 20, 2020
Sunday: 2 Samuel 7:1-16; Psalm 89; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38
Monday: Song of Songs 2:8-14; Psalm 33; Luke 1:39-45
Tuesday: 1 Samuel 1:24-28; 1 Samuel 2:1-8; Luke 1:46-56
Wednesday: Malachi 3:1-24; Psalm 25; Luke 1:57-66
Thursday: *Morning:* 2 Samuel 7:1-16; Psalm 89; Luke 1:67-79
Vigil: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 89; Acts 13:16-25; Matthew 1:1-25
Night: Isaiah 9:1-6; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14.
Friday: *Dawn:* Isaiah 62:11-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20. *Day:* Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18
Saturday: Acts 6:8-7:59; Psalm 31; Matthew 10:17-22

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers those in our parish family who are homebound, sick or suffering.

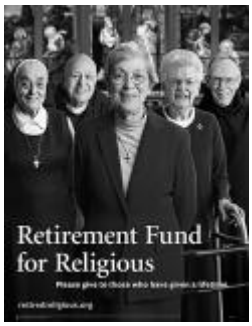
ANGEL PRAYER LINE: If you have or know of someone with a special intention call 203-288-0436.

When Men Pray!

Men of the parish and friends are invited to pray the Rosary Saturday mornings at 7:30 AM in St. Rita Chapel.

Eucharistic Adoration
every Monday from 8AM to 4PM at St. Rita (Upper Church).

Adoration 10AM-7PM
Please remember all who have died from the coronavirus and their families in your prayers.



"We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund for Religious each year." says a Catholic sister.

"Support from the fund has been a tremendous blessing tour retired sisters." Thank you for donating to last week's second collection.

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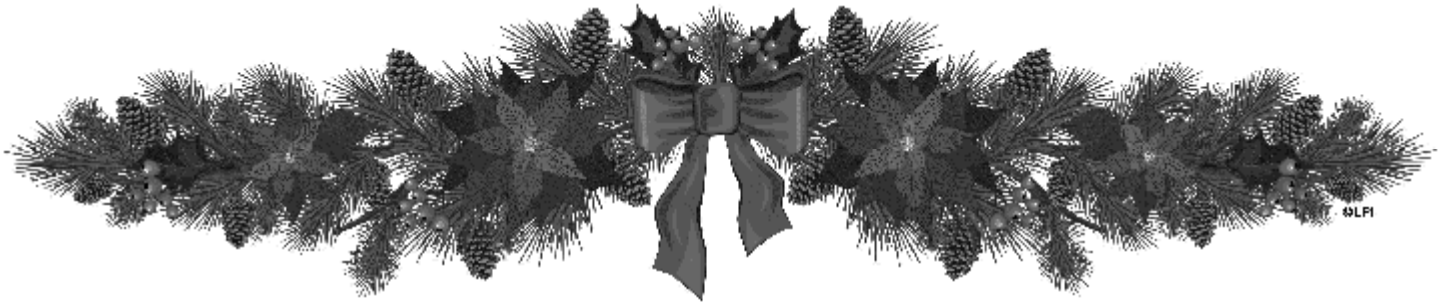
Starting Thursday, January 14, 2021
Watch for details to register



Merry Christmas to all

Peace and blessings as we enter into the Holy Season of Christmas.

We realize that this Christmas will be like no other we have had. While there may be presents under a tree and even a manger scene set up, there will be fewer people gathered together in person to celebrate the Birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It is so important for us to highlight Christian hope this year, maybe more than ever before.

How will you do that?

We will not be able to sing Christmas carols in Church. But listen to them with an open heart and with a prayer in your inmost being. May the familiar words touch you more deeply than in years past. “Silent Night, Holy Night.” “O Holy Night” “O Come All Ye Faithful” “O Little Town of Bethlehem” “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”. Even as you read the words on the page, hear the melody in your head and deep within. Hum the words to yourself. Live them in the world.

Read the account of the birth of Jesus from the gospel of Luke. “A decree went out from Caesar Augustus. Joseph went from Galilee to Nazareth with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. The time came for her to have her child. She gave birth to her first born son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger. There was no room for them in the inn.” Make room for Jesus in your life, in the life of your family, within your circle of friends, with your co-workers and colleagues, welcome the stranger.

Light a candle in your home representing Christ, the Light of the World. There is darkness all around. The light of a single candle breaks through that darkness. May the lights on your Christmas tree and the star over your manger scene guide you this season on the true path of goodness. Be the Light of Christ.

Zoom, facetime or call your family and friends who will be distant this year. Tell them of your love for them. Be even more connected than you can imagine.

Love, peace, joy all different this year. Embrace the difference.
Receive LOVE. Cherish PEACE. Share JOY.

Msgr. Joe

Divine Mercy Parish Faith Formation

Megan Zinn at (203) 433-2809 divine.mercy.ore@gmail.com
Eleanor Shaw at (203) 641-5183 eleanorshaw@sbcglobal.net
Laura Zambrano (RCIA) (203) 288-6155

Help Wanted-Saint Rita School has an opening for a part-time school social worker/ school counselor effective immediately. The role of the social worker/counselor is to work with teachers and parents of students in Prek3 through grade 8 to support the social-emotional and academic needs of our school population. Hours are flexible. Qualified candidates are asked to contact Mrs. Tiezzi, the school principal for additional details at ptiezzi.stritaschool@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2020

CONFESSION
Monday, December 21st
12 noon-1:30 pm
5:00-6:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES
Thursday, December 24th
4:00 pm – First Mass of Christmas
6:00 pm – Family Mass
10:00 pm – Night Mass of Christmas

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES
Friday, December 25th
9:00 am
10:30 am

NEW YEAR'S MASSES
Thursday, December 31st Vigil
4:00 pm

Friday, January 1st New Years Day
9:00 am

Masks and Social Distancing required at all Masses

The Divine Delights cookbook is sold out! The Columbiettes are grateful for the tremendous response. If you would like to purchase a copy, please email divinemercycolumbiettes@gmail.com, and your name will be added to the pre-order list. Additional books will be ordered in the future if we approach 100 preorders.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday evening Scripture group is meeting on Zoom. If you would like to be part of this group, please contact Deacon Joe at dcn.ryzewski@aohct.org.

Saturday morning men's rosary group is meeting in person in St. Rita Chapel at 7:30 a.m. or by phone. Please contact Deacon Joe dcn.ryzewski@aohct.org to get access number.

The Knights of Columbus Family of the Month for December is the Steve Schmidt family.

Steve is a long time parishioner and faithful Knight. He contributes in many ways to the Parish, including being the Before and After Care monitor for St. Rita School, serves at many funeral Masses, builds items such as podiums and other woodwork, and serves as Eucharistic Minister. Thank you to Steve to his commitment to Divine Mercy Parish!

In the spirit of giving we thank the coworkers of our dear departed friend Rick DeCrosta whose memory is honored every year by the generosity of gifts for our less fortunate children at Christmas. We are very grateful to them.

This weekend we welcomed Frank Javier into God's family and our parish family through the waters of Baptism.

Advent Giving Tree

Thank you for generously supporting this effort. Many families were helped because of your kindness.

The many stories of Christmas

Divine Mercy's Social Justice and Community Building committee asked parishioners to tell us how they celebrate Advent, Christmas, and the holidays. During the season, we are posting brief videos each week celebrating the rich array of family and cultural traditions found in our community. Please visit the parish website: DIVINEMERCYHAMDEN.COM or Facebook page to see them.
Thank you to the people who volunteered to share their stories.

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