

DIVINE MERCY PARISH

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



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St. Rita Rectory
Monday to Thursday
8:30 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.
Friday
8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Parish Mission Statement 2020

We, the Catholic Family of Divine Mercy Parish, united in our love for Christ by the Eucharist, recognize His presence in everyone we meet.

The Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy guide us to live our faith in the fullest possible way. We build a vibrant faith community on the pillars of worship, education and service with an enthusiastic YES!

December 19, 2021

Reverend Monsignor Joseph V. DiSciaccia, 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 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

Saturday, December 18th -Vigil-

4:00 PM Paul Anthony Saracco requested by family

Sunday, December 19th– Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00AM Mary Shea McCarthy requested by daughter

11:30AM O'Malley Family requested by Mary Heverin

Monday, December 20th

7:30AM Anna Fare requested by Frankie Maciejak

Tuesday, December 21st-St. Peter

7:30AM Arthur L'Manian requested by wife

Wednesday, December 22nd

7:30AM Carl and Betty Barone requested by family

Friday, December 24th-Christmas Eve

4:00PM John McKeon and James McKeon requested by family

6:00PM Divine Mercy Family Mass

9:00PM Donna Kafka requested by family

Saturday, December 25th - Christmas Day

9:00AM For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

10:30AM For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

NO 4:00 PM VIGIL

Sunday, December 26th-Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00AM Dan Delvecchio requested by Sacred Heart Academy

11:30AM Gerardo Saldutti requested by family

DIVINE MERCY PARISH

Weekly Financial Report December 5

Weekly	\$ 8,219.00
Online	722.00
Total	\$ 8,941.00
Monthly	\$ 2,449.00
Online	1,534.00
Total	\$ 3,983.00

Total Givers 150



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Book of Life

Readings for the week of December 19, 2021

Sunday: Micah 5:1-4; Psalm 80; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

Monday: Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24; Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday: Song of Songs 2:8-14; Psalm 33; Luke 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sam. 1:24-28; 1 Sam. 2:1-8; Luke 1:46-56

Thursday: Malachi 3:1-24; Psalm 25; Luke 1:57-66

Friday: *Morning*: 2 Sam.7:1-16; Psalm 89; Luke 1:67-79

Saturday: *Vigil*: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 89; Acts 13:16-25; Matthew 1:18-25

Night: Isaiah 9:1-6; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

Dawn: Isaiah 62:11-12; Ps. 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20

Day: Isaiah 52:7-10; Ps. 98; Hebrews 1:1-6; Joh n 1:1-18

Next Sunday: Sirach 3:2-14; Ps. 128; Colossians 3:12-21;

Luke 2:41-52 or 1 Samuel 1:20-28; Ps. 84;

1 John 3:1-24; Luke 2:41-52



PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers those in our parish family who are home-bound, 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.



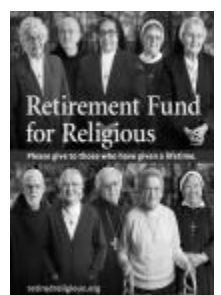
Eucharistic Adoration every Monday 8AM to 4PM

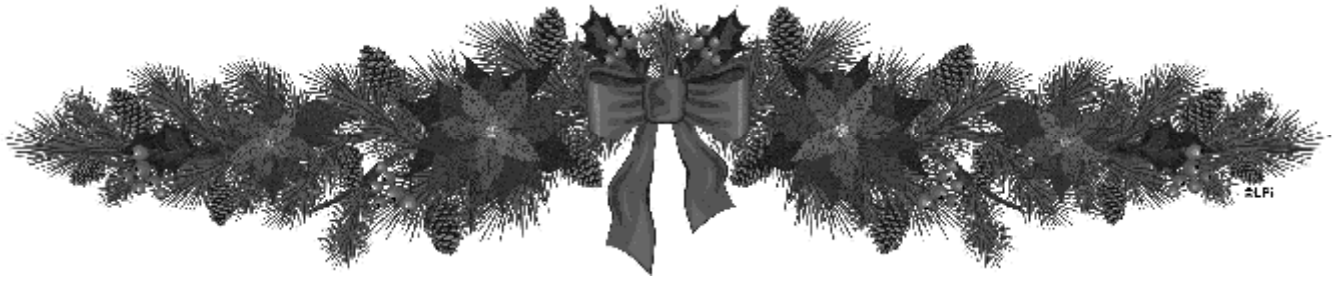
Please remember all who suffer from the coronavirus and their families.

Remember also Church vocations to the priesthood, Diaconate, vowed religious life and lay ministry.

One sister writes, "Our prayers go to the generous benefactors of this collection."

Divine Mercy Collection
December 12, 2021
\$ 2,308.00





Glad tidings of Christmas to all.

As Divine Mercy staff we wish all our parishioners Blessings in this most holy season. As we celebrate the Birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we are thankful and grateful to all for their great kindness, support and goodness.

This year, once again, brought us many challenges as COVID-19 continued to have negative effects on so many people. We are thankful for vaccinations and booster shots. While there is less isolation, we still need to maintain social distance and to wear masks. We have seen more people in church but not the good numbers we had before the pandemic started. We will gather in church for Christmas this year without the severe restrictions of last year, but caution will still be needed.

In all of this we will celebrate the Incarnation, God, **our God**, coming to earth to become one of us, one with us and one with all creation. This great mystery is profound and hard to comprehend but gives us hope.

Our faith tells us that the Son of God, the Word of God, took upon himself our humanity and was born of the Blessed Virgin Mary. That same faith assures us that God is with us and that fear need not have control over us. The challenges of the world are still all around us, but we face them in the Presence of God, Jesus Christ, born for us and with us always. With the support of family and friends in faith we rejoice in the Birth of our Savior.

Whether you are young or old, know of the Lord's love for you.

You may be overwhelmed by the challenges of life, know you are not alone.

Know deep in your heart that God welcomes all into his family with the open arms of love.

Christmas Peace to all.

Msgr. Joe and the whole staff of Divine Mercy Parish





Faith Formation Family Mass

We are so excited to invite all students and families in our Faith Formation program to our December Family Mass on Sunday, December 19, at 10am at Christ the Bread of Life- Blessed Sacrament Church. Please let us know if you are interested in participating as a reader, greeter, or money collector. All families are welcome to participate! We can't wait to see you all there!

Journey to Bethlehem

Youth and children from our parish and Faith Formation program invite *everyone* to tour our nativity stations that will retell the story of Jesus' birth on Saturday, December 18, from 5-7pm, in front of St. Rita Church. Walk through to visit the stations and stay for a treat and fellowship. If you are interested in helping, please let Megan Zinn know. We look forward to seeing you all!



The KC Family of the Month December 2021 Ron Cimini

Ron has been an officer of Divine Mercy Council for many years. He is there to take pictures at all events and post social media for the Council and Parish. He also is instrumental in publicizing our activities in the town Advisor. Ron is active in the Coats for Kids program and many other council charitable activities.

Thanks to Ron for all his contributions!



Hamden Catholic Parishes Transition Information

Fr. Christopher Tiano, pastor, and Fr. Mauricio Galvis, parochial vicar will be joining the new parish of St. Paul VI in January 2022. Please keep them in your prayers.

Our weekly **Rosary** asking Our Lady's intercession with the process of transitioning into one unified Hamden Parish-St. Paul VI will be held each Tuesday at 6:30PM in St. Rita Church chapel.



Weekly Schedule

Monday, December 20th

- Adoration 8:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.
- Confessions 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, December 21st

- Scripture on zoom 6:30p.m.
dcn.ryzewski@aohct.org
- Rosary 6:30 p.m. St. Rita Chapel
- RCIA 7:00p.m. on zoom

Friday, December 24th Christmas Eve

- Parish Office closed

Saturday, December 25th Christmas Day

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

SCHEDULE 2021

CONFESSION

Monday, December 20th

5:00-6:00 pm



CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Friday, December 24th

4:00 pm – First Mass of Christmas

6:00 pm – Family Mass

9:00 pm – Night Mass of Christmas

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Saturday, December 25th

9:00 am

10:30 am

No 4:00PM VIGIL

Sunday December 26th

9:00 and 11:30am



NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Friday, December 31st Vigil

4:00 pm

Saturday, January 1st New Years Day

9:00 am

4:00 pm Vigil

Sunday, January 2nd

9:00 and 11:30 am

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