Father Matthew Mello, Pastor
Fr. Romil Aperocho, Associate Pastor
Fr. Michael Farrell, Pastor Emeritus
Fr. Larry Olszewski CSC, Assisting Priest
Jack Alexander, Deacon

MASS SCHEDULE
Daily Masses: Mon - Fri | 8:30 AM
Communion Service: Saturday | 8:30 AM
Confessions: Saturday | 3:15 - 4:00 PM
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 PM
Sundays Masses: 8:00, 9:30, & 11:30 AM
Liturgy of the Hours: Mon-Sat. | 8:10 AM

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Mission Statement
We, the community of Divine Mercy Parish, profess and proclaim Christ crucified, risen and alive in His Church. We invite all to a life of discipleship through worship, ongoing formation, merciful witness, and service which actively builds the Kingdom of God here on earth and by which we journey towards the eternal Kingdom in Heaven.
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**LETTER FROM THE PASTOR**

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**DIVINE MERCY COMMUNITY PRAYER CHAIN**

Please call Julie Dunn at (321) 459-3469 for special prayer requests.

Please pray for our parishioners who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing homes, and for those whose names we do not have.

This week we remember in prayer: Charlene Kroll, Mary Beaulieu, Barbara Smedley, Perry Lewis, Karen Bamhart, Marge Capriotti, Eddie Jarrell, Carmen Hernandez, Gerry Botyos, Ethel May Acton, and Darlene Seberry.

If you are an adult interested in becoming Catholic please contact Mary Frances Coburn in the Parish Office.
MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 20th
8:30 AM †Laura Miller
†Bryan Miller
Tuesday, January 21st
8:30 AM †Andre Testa
†Jeanette Testa
Wednesday, January 22nd
8:30 AM †Bill Miller
Thursday, January 23rd
8:30 AM †John Miller
†Joe Miller
Friday, January 24th
8:30 AM †Jack Smith
†Virginia Bixby
Saturday, January 25th
All living and deceased members of Divine Mercy Parish and:
4:30 PM †Frances Warner
†Jean Menichino
Sunday, January 26th
All living and deceased members of Divine Mercy Parish and:
8:00 AM †John W. Kurtz
†Barney Mitchum
9:30 AM †Estelle & Joseph Sverchek
†Angelo & Patricia DeMark
11:30 AM †Lynn Riley
Thao Ngo

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a special intention please stop by the Parish Office.

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, January 20th
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
NO ACADEMY
9:00 AM Adoration (CHPL)
(9-10:00AM)
10:00 AM Anne’s Angels (MH)
Tuesday, January 21st
10:00 AM SCC (MH)
6:00 PM SVdP (FR)
6:30 PM Chorale Practice (CH)
7:00 PM Charismatic Pryr (L)
Wednesday, January 22nd
1:00 PM W.I.N.G.S. (MH)
6:00 PM Religious Ed K-6 (SCH)
6:00 PM EDGE 7-8 (SH)
Thursday, January 23rd
9:00 AM Martha’s “A” Team (CH)
10:00 AM SCC (MH)
1:00 PM Centering Pryr (MH)
6:00 PM CCW (SH)
6:30 PM SCC (L)
7:00 PM SCC (MH)
7:00 PM Centering Prayer (FR)
7:00 PM Contemporary Choir(CH)
Friday, January 24th
9:00 AM Adoration (CHPL)
(unti 12:00 PM Noon)
Saturday, January 25th
SVdP Quarterly Fund Drive
7:00 AM Men of Faith (MH)
3:15 PM Confessions (CHPL)
Sunday, January 26th
SVdP Quarterly Fund Drive
9:00 AM Coffee & Donuts
9:00 AM RCIA (L)
9:15 AM Share the Word (FR)
10:30 AM Academy Open House
(Until 1:30 PM)
6:00 PM NO Youth Group (HH)

REMINDER... Please remember to update your email address with the Parish Office if it has changed within the last year. Tax statements will be emailed shortly.

*Rosary will be held after every weekday Mass and after the Communion Service on Saturday morning.*

CH (church), CHPL (chapel), MH (meeting house), AR (art room), FR (faculty room), L (library), D (dome), SH (social hall), SCH (school), HH (Hartnett hall), MRM (music room) PO (Parish Office)

ALTAR FLOWERS
Altar flowers may be purchased in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a birthday or anniversary. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

Please pray for the souls of our Parish Family who have gone home to the Lord and for their families who are mourning:

Christine Coble
Passed on 12/23/19

Donald DiFilippo
Passed on 12/27/19

Regina Cunningham
Passed on 12/29/19

Ann Kemash
Passed on 12/30/19

Maureen Signorelli
Passed on 1/2/20

Maureen Hopkins
Passed on 1/3/20
WHAT’S GOING ON IN THE PARISH

Attention All Lectors

Pope Francis has designated the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time to be “The Sunday of the Word of God.” We will be celebrating the unbreakable bond between Sacred Scripture and the Eucharist. On the weekend of January 26, Father will be calling the Lectors (as Proclaimers of the Word) to come forward for a blessing at every Mass. This includes ALL Lectors, even those not on the schedule to serve that weekend.

Fr. Farrell’s 50th Anniversary—March 7

Join us in celebrating Fr. Farrell’s Golden Jubilee on Saturday, March 7 at the 4:30 Mass followed by a reception catered by The Tulip in the dome. Tickets ($40 each) are now available for purchase at the kiosk, parish office, or by visiting the church website.

Thank You

Thank you to all that remembered the Parish Office staff in your thoughts, prayers, and gifts this Christmas Season.

A Day of Reflection

“A Day of Reflection” with Fr. Blake Britton and Dr. Carol Razza on January 25, 2020. All are welcome to attend. It will be held at St. John the Evangelist church in Viera and the cost is $12 a person and needs to be pre-paid. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. and finish with Mass at 2:00 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the Information Kiosk in the narthex of the church or call Julie Dunn at 321-459-3469 for more information.

St. Vincent DePaul Quarterly Fund Drive

The St. Vincent DePaul Quarterly Fund Drive will be held before and after all Masses next weekend. Thank you for giving generously so they can continue to help those in need in our community.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

HELTLINE: (321) 459-2060

Office open:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

The holidays are over and everyone is back in their routine and possibly a little tired and sad. It is a good time to reflect on the opportunities we have to do good and please God. When we take food to the poor, it is an act of worship, when we give a kind word to someone who needs it, that is an act of worship, when we encourage others and help them learn about God, that is worship. When you donate to the food chest and poor box that is worship and God notices. Thank you for helping us to help others. Next week is the Saint Vincent de Paul quarterly fund drive, any donation small or large is appreciated as it helps us to continue to help those in need in our community.

Food Requests: Pasta and Tomato Sauce
Reminder: When donating food items, please check expiration dates and be sure food is current.

Downton Abbey
Fashion Show & Card Party

* Fashions by Lu La Roe and Premier Designs
* Luncheon
* Baskets
* Silent Auction
* $100 Raffle
* Bingo

Feb. 7, 2020
9:00 am to 2:30 pm

Donation: $20
No tickets will be sold at the door

Our Parish Mission is being conducted this year by Casting Nets Ministries. Be sure to join us for this exciting program based on our role as disciples. The Mission will take place the evenings of Feb. 23 – 26 (Sunday through Tuesday). Don’t miss this excellent opportunity to prepare for the Lenten season.

New Bible study: Fulfilled: Part 2 - The Biblical foundations of Catholicism. This 7 week study begins Monday evening, January 27th, from 7:00 - 9:00 pm and Wednesday morning, January 29th from 10:00 am - Noon. Stop by the kiosk in the Narthex for more information about the study and to register for the study.

DIocese OF Orlando HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH
JANUARY 2020

"The issue involves everyone! This infamous network of crime is now well established in our cities, and many people have blood on their hands as a result of their complicity and silence.

Pope Francis
Apostolic Exhortation, Evangelii Gaudium
Nov. 2015 (USCCB)
Religious Education for the new school year has begun! Classes for grades K-6th grade meet Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. in the school. EDGE for 7th & 8th grade meet the same day and times in the Social Hall.

Registration packets are now available on our church website for:

- Rock the Universe on Saturday, January, 25th
- Village Lights Retreat on Saturday, February 1st
- Steubenville Orlando the weekend of July 17th-19th

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP INFORMATION

9th - 12th Grade Students
Youth Group has returned!

Be a part of the “In-Crowd” - Join DMCC High School Youth Group today! Registration packets are available at the information kiosk or online at our website. Below is the schedule for our meetings. We will meet every Sunday at 6:00 in the Youth Room located in Hartnett Hall at the school. For parking ease, use the church parking lot and enter through the gate of the school.

2020
January 5th, 12th, 19th
January 24/25—Rock the Universe
No Meeting Jan 26th
February 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd
March 1st, 8th, 29th
No Meetings March 15th & 22nd
April 5th, 19th, 26th
No Meeting April 12th
May 3rd, 17th, 31st (Last Meeting)
No Meetings May 10th & 24th

First Communion
Saturday, May 2 at 10:00 AM
First Communion Preparation Sessions:
Sunday February 23 | 9:30 – 11:00 in the Meeting House
Sunday April 19 | 9:30 – 11:00 in the Meeting House
First Communion Enrollment at the 11:30 Mass – April 19
Rehearsal in the church on Tuesday, April 28 at 6:00 PM

Confirmation
Friday, April 3 at 7:00 PM
Confirmation Preparation Sessions:
Sunday, February 9 9:30 – 11:00 in the Dome
For information contact Mary Frances Coburn, Director of Faith Formation
321-452-5955 maryfrances@divinemercychurch.org
Greetings,
I pray that the start to a new year, and a new decade, has brought to you a renewed spirit and a refreshing look into what possibilities lay ahead.
One of those possibilities that will leave a lasting impact on your children and family is the opportunity to provide your loved ones with a Divine Mercy Catholic Academy education. Our Academy is by design created to be so much more than just academics. While academic excellence is one of our priorities, it is not the entire mission. Catholic identity is evident in all that we do from sacramental preparation and daily prayer, to service and community outreach. Our graduates routinely return to share their stories of success in high school and beyond. They always give thanks to the fundamental core that was instilled in them here at Divine Mercy.
I invite you to visit us at our Open House event on Sunday January 26, 2020 to learn more about what Divine Mercy Catholic Academy can do for your family. We will be open from 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM for your convenience.
Feel free to reach us at (321)452-0263 or at office@dmccs.org for information. Peace and Blessings,
Principal Dave Parker