

**CITY CENTER PARISHES  
SAINT BENEDICT THE MOOR  
CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY SAINT MARY OF MERCY**

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 4, 2019

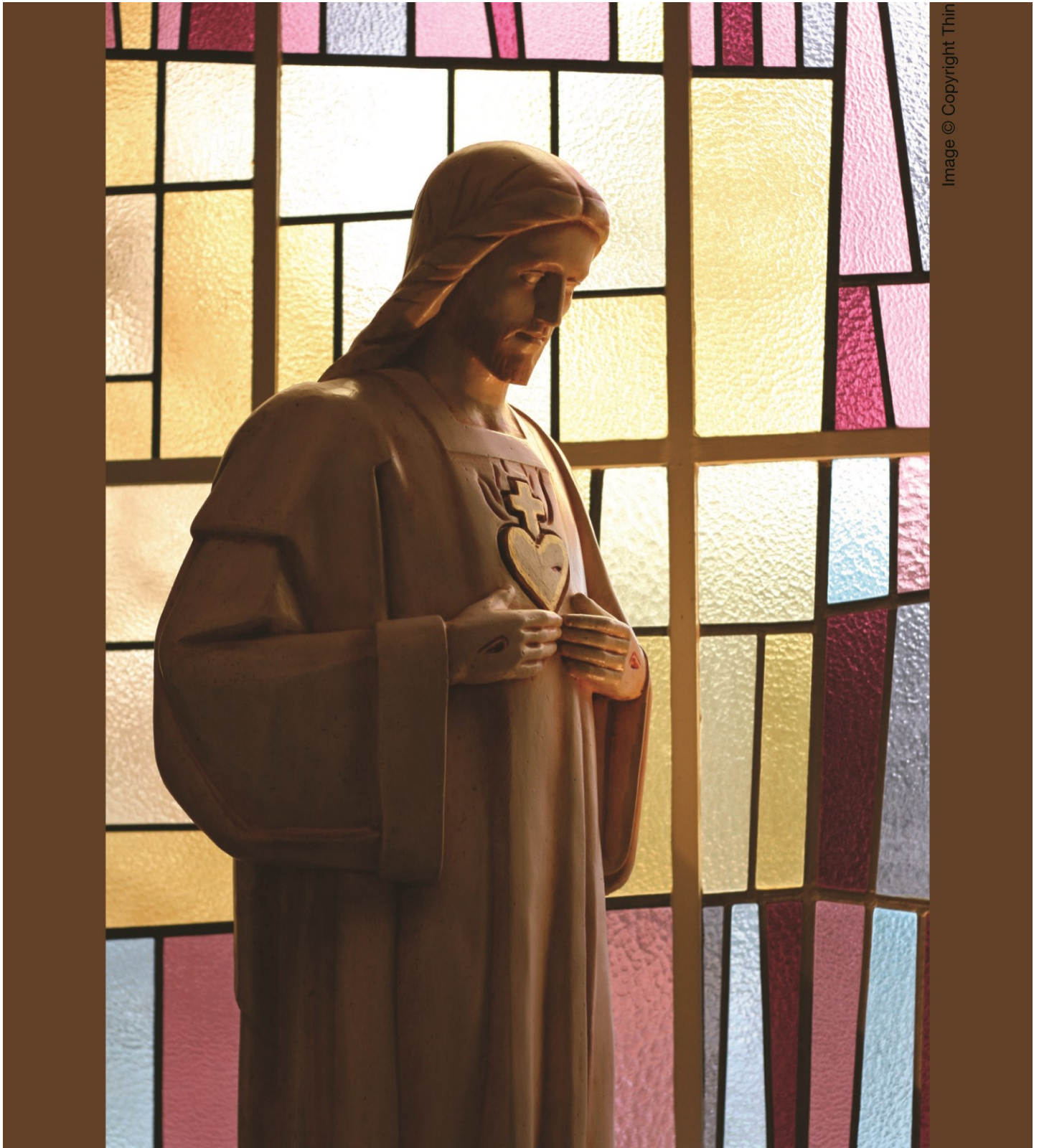


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**BECOMING ONE PARISH**

Dear Parishioners,

One of the important steps to take as we approach the merger date in January, 2020 is the naming of the parish. While each Church will maintain its original name, the new parish itself will take on a new name. With this in mind, I would like to inform you of the criteria we will follow in order to come to a decision.

Here is the process for our grouping:

1. The Administrator generates the initial list of names for the new parish as well as the rationale
2. The Clergy Team, Staff and Advisory Councils will be advised of the list as well as the rationale.
3. The recommendations along with the rationale will be given to Bishop Zubik. He will preview the recommendations and provide a response regarding the acceptability of the names. This allows the Administrator to be confident that any of the names shared with parishioners will be accepted by Bishop Zubik.
4. Parishioners will then be engaged in the process. The Recommendation Form for Naming the New Parish will be used to provide parishioners with the opportunity to offer one preference for a parish name from the top recommendations or to rate the names.
5. With the approval of the Administrator, the top three recommendations from parishioners will be submitted to Bishop Zubik for his selection.
6. Parishioners are then informed of the three names submitted to Bishop Zubik. Each church building will keep its name.

After our parish leadership team meeting in early August, further explanation of this process will be provided. Thank you for your continued support, prayers and collaboration as we come closer to becoming one.

God bless  
Fr. Chris

The following is part two of a three part reflection from Fr. John Odeyemi:

## **Overview, Challenges and Prospects**

### **Pastoring in an African American Catholic Community of Faith: Challenges and Prospects.**

#### **Challenges:**

This reflection is from my own perspective as an African priest working with African Americans and African migrants within the same community.

It takes a while to get accustomed to the ambience surrounding an African American liturgy. For most African priests, our training is very classical and Roman in nature. While our liturgies back home have lively music, dancing and clapping, it is still solemn and there is very strict adherence to moments and liturgical movements within the liturgy. After a careful personal theological reflection on African American spirituality and liturgical theology, I have found that it is mostly all right and not against regular liturgical norms. This joyful and celebratory mode of worship encases the memory of a people and helps them to make a connection not only with their past but also with God. Perhaps African priests can learn from this spirituality as another form of spirituality in the same universal, Apostolic and Catholic faith? The challenge here is for the individual Diocese to make available to the new African priest, both human and intellectual resources by which he is introduced into the community he will be assimilated into and carry out pastoral ministry. It should be made clear that where an established program is not available, an opportunity to attend IBCS must be a norm.

Once in a while, some African priests on a first visit to the U.S., may have “accent” problems or some cultural characteristics which may be frowned upon here. Patience is needed on the part of the hosting culture to find gentle, respectful and welcoming ways to help the priest adjust. In my own experience, I struggled for the first few months of my arrival in the Archdiocese of New York to understand their own accent. I do not think many Americans understand that this problem goes both ways. So is the question of a linguistic interpretation of meaning of two different cultures. For instance, my pastor in N.Y. had asked me to celebrate a wedding as a ceremony, so I went and celebrated with mass, thurible and all the works only to get a terrible tongue lashing afterwards. It took a while for me to work it out that a ‘ceremony’ here means without mass while in my own culture, the mention of a ceremony evokes the big celebration you can put together. Along these lines, we can also think of food and the differences between American and African food. The new priest will struggle to adjust to American food which is totally different from his own culture of food. Some of the African priests have to live with American priests some of who are quite insensitive and insulting in this aspect. This only reinforces the idea of how accommodating and understanding we must be of one another.

In the North East, some of the Diocese who bring African priests are not truly helpful in settling these priests into their new parishes. Unfortunately, matters are made worse because most of the parishes in the black neighborhoods are not financially self-sustaining. Basic necessities like renovating the rectory, getting a car and sometimes getting clothing for the changing weather patterns are not discussed. Occasionally, one may be lucky to find parishioners who decide to help. Otherwise, priests new in a foreign land are left to figure it all out all by themselves.

Week Three — Prospects



# CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



## Join us in the Celebration

Everyone is invited to join us in honoring our organist and friend Dr. John Raevens in the celebration of his 90th birthday.

The festivities will take place immediately after the 9 a.m. Mass Sunday, August 11, in the second floor conference room.

Please call Catherine Calfo, our church cantor, (412) 680-8947 if you are interested in helping us and/or planning to attend.

RSVP by August 4.

**Volunteers needed:** Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors and Ushers are needed on Sundays at the 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Masses. Please contact Pat Wilson at 412-527-0465 for more information.

**\*\*\*All volunteers must be in compliance with the Diocesan Safe Environment Policy.\*\*\***

Thanks to our maintenance staff who has been working tireless hours beautifying the property around the Church and our new City Center Parish Office, it looks wonderful.

## OFFERTORY

7/28/19 First Collection \$1,812.13  
7/28/19 Church Maintenance \$296.36

## Please pray for those who have requested our prayers:

Jerry Barry, Laurie Bozik, Josie Crame, Robert Dougherty, William Egger, Richard Gazzam, Katherine Gross, Margaret Hurney, Marva Josie, D.M.K., Barbara Kuhn, F.M.M., Jessie Marsh, Patricia Morra, Daniel Murphy, Dennis Murphy, Justin Murphy, Jean O'Hanlon, Mary Ann Pacini, Clara Jane Roy, Marianne Wisdom Oines, C.Z.R., Sr. Mary Ann Troup, Elsie Urban, Bill Vergot, Derrick Gardener, Leah Lindenfelser, Diane and Jim Foley and Elizabeth Kochin



# SAINT MARY OF MERCY

Recently the Red Door program welcomed Ms. Mindy Jo Miller, Miss Pennsylvania for America 2019, to serve as a volunteer in the ministry on a busy Monday morning. Mindy is from Butler, PA, and believes in "giving back and making a difference in the people around her". This belief led her to the Red Door during her visit to Pittsburgh this summer.

On April 6th of this year, she was awarded the title of Miss Pennsylvania of America at the Ware Theater in Lancaster, PA. Her pageant platform is "The Silent Epidemic: Bringing Awareness to Anxiety and Depression." In August, she will compete at the National Miss America competition in Las Vegas, Nevada. Thank you, Mindy, for your visit and volunteer service at the Red Door. Your presence was truly a blessing and a reminder of all that is good and beautiful in our world, for "God has made everything beautiful in its time"!

"He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end."  
Ecclesiastes 3:11



**Red Door Ministry:** Those in need can receive a bagged lunch Monday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. The actual Red Door is located on the Boulevard of the Allies.

**Television Ministry** Saint Mary of Mercy's daily 12:00 noon Mass is televised and can be viewed seven days a week on Comcast channel 95 in the Greater Pittsburgh area or at [www.christianassociatestv.org](http://www.christianassociatestv.org). Pittsburgh's Faith and Family channel also carries it Monday-Saturday.

## OFFERTORY

7/22/19-7/26/19 Weekday \$944.72  
7/28/19 First Collection \$2,867.09  
7/28/19 Red Door \$2,873.46

# SAINT BENEDICT THE MOOR

## African American History

Bodies of three civil rights workers discovered on August 4, 1964 near a farm in Philadelphia, Mississippi. Three young men, two white and one black, had been missing since June 21. The FBI said they were murdered on the night of their disappearance by segregationists. Eighteen whites, including several police officers, were charged with conspiracy to deprive the victims of their civil rights. The names of the victims were Michael Schwerner 24, Andrew Goodman 20 and James Chaney 22.

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Looking for people who like to crochet or knit to make prayer shawls for sick and/or shut-ins. If you love making things with your hands and can crochet or knit, please contact Priscilla at 412-281-3141. If you know any sick or shut-in desiring a prayer shawl, please contact Rita Costa at 412-276-6639 leave your name and number.

Jasmine Leonard (8/4)  
Alden Suzensky (8/5)  
Sydney Harris (8/7)  
Taylor Stringer (8/7)

Victoria Betsill (8/5)  
Ameron Suzensky (8/5)  
Isaac Ngandwe (8/7)  
Deidra Washington (8/5)



**Saturday, September 7, 2019**

4th Annual "Old School" Dinner Dance  
Terrace on Fifth 1014 5th Ave, Pgh, 15219  
Opposite PPG Paints Arena  
6:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.

**Tickets \$55**

RSVP August 29, 2019 to 724-472-7832  
Or nbccpgh@gmail.com

Also purchase tickets through Eventbrite:  
<http://nbccpgh.eventbrite.com>

## OFFERTORY

7/28/19 \$3,842.00

### PRAYER LIST...KEEPING FOLKS BEFORE THE LORD

#### *The following request our prayers:*

Betty Bell, Gordon Bullard, Edward Davis, Dolores Denton, Carol Derewcz, Grace Dixon-Kizzie, Patricia Ellis, Debra Foster, Woody Frazier, Ann Fultz, Richard Gazzam, Janet Glass, Brenda Glenn, Helena Harris, Harold G. Heim, Jr., Osaruyi Osasere Igbineweka, Billy Jenkins, Sandra Johnson, Sean Kraus, Tiffany Livsey, Aisha Lado, Andrew Lyke, Ruth McCartney, Sherry McGinnis, Todd Mattei, Jodie Morris, Betty Muse, Josephine O'Connor, Ira Ritter Sr., Mary Samuels, Genevieve Sanford, Debbie Sturm, Vincent Tucker, Barbara Tucker, Lyle Williams, Leslie Wilson, Regina Zelik, FMM, DMK, Victims of Abuse

## Community News

### Summer with Jesus and Mary Church of the Epiphany

August 12 - 16 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Program for Children ages 5 to 13  
\$20.00/ Student

Registration forms can be found in the back of church, in the parish offices or on our website at [www.divinemercypgh.org](http://www.divinemercypgh.org). Please return the registration forms and payment to any parish office in an envelope clearly marked with "Summer with Jesus and Mary" to Sr. Emily's attention by Monday, August 5, 2019.

Any questions, please contact Sr. Emily at [sremily@divinemercypgh.org](mailto:sremily@divinemercypgh.org)

### Help a Child Learn to Read!

Oasis Intergenerational Tutoring is a program in which volunteers 50 and older work with children K-4 in the Pittsburgh Public, Wilkinsburg and Woodland Hills School Districts

**Training: Tuesday & Thursday Aug 20 & Aug 22, 2019**  
**For information on training locations and/or how to become an Oasis tutor, call John D. Spehar at 412-393-7648 or email [jdspehar@oasisnet.org](mailto:jdspehar@oasisnet.org)**

### Sisters of Divine Providence Summer Sweepstakes

New Grand Prize **\$5,000**, Second Prize is \$500 and Third Prize is \$100.

Lucky winners randomly selected on September 4, 2019  
Tickets are \$5 each or buy a sheet of 5 for \$25.  
Purchase online at [cdpsisters.org/2019SummerSweeps](http://cdpsisters.org/2019SummerSweeps) or call [412-635-5437](tel:412-635-5437).

Thanks for your support of the Sisters mission and ministries.

### Mass of Healing

A Mass of Healing will be celebrated  
August 15 at 6:00 p.m.  
Saint Paul Cathedral

This Mass brings to a conclusion the year of prayer and fasting that Bishop David Zubik asked all clergy to engage in for the healing of victims of child sexual abuse. Bishop Zubik is unable to come to the cathedral while he recuperates from back surgery, so Bishop William Walterscheid, the auxiliary bishop of the diocese, will preside. All clergy are invited to participate in the Mass, and everyone is welcome to attend.

**CONFESSIONS:** CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY Monday and Friday 11:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.  
 SAINT MARY OF MERCY Monday through Friday 11:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

**NOVENAS:** CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY Saint Rita, Mondays after 12:05 p.m. Mass  
 Sorrowful Mother, Fridays after 12:05 p.m. Mass  
 SAINT BENEDICT THE MOOR Begins 9 weeks prior to Feast Day after Sunday Mass  
 SAINT MARY OF MERCY Miraculous Medal, Mondays after 12:00 noon Mass

<b>Saturday, August 3</b>			
12:00 noon	Saint Mary of Mercy	Coyne Family † (Rodgers Family)	Rev. Bryce
2:00 p.m.	Saint Benedict the Moor	Wedding-Hillary Cox and Casey Rankin	Rev. Donley
4:00 p.m.	Saint Mary of Mercy	Connie Vaskov† (Staff of Saint Mary of Mercy Church)	Rev. Kunkle
<b>Sunday, August 4</b> <i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>			
8:00 a.m.	Saint Mary of Mercy	For the People of Saint Mary of Mercy	Rev. Donley
9:00 a.m.	Church of the Epiphany	Cora Crame (Douglas and Josephine Crame)	Rev. Hogan
10:30 a.m.	Saint Benedict the Moor	Scott Andrew Crigler† (Gaye Velar)	Rev. Augustine
10:30 a.m.	Saint Mary of Mercy	Salvatore Gaetano DiBacco† (Gracey Delulis-godmother & aunt)	Rev. Donley
5:00 p.m.	Church of the Epiphany	Peggy Hurney Liv (Francis Magnelli)	Rev. Augustine
<b>Monday, August 5</b> <i>The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major</i>			
6:30 a.m.	Saint Mary of Mercy	Frank and Anna Gajdosik† (B.Gajdosik)	Msgr. Lengwin
7:30 a.m.	Saint Mary of Mercy	Connie Vaskov† (Judi and Joe Nocito)	Rev. Bryce
12:00 noon	Saint Mary of Mercy	Esther Horne † (Mary Jo Corsetti)	Oratorian
12:05 p.m.	Church of the Epiphany	Charles Yochum †	Rev. Marcucci
<b>Tuesday, August 6</b> <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>			
6:30 a.m.	Saint Mary of Mercy	For the People of Saint Mary of Mercy	Msgr. Lengwin
7:30 a.m.	Saint Mary of Mercy	Jim and Millie Morgan † (Bud and Karen Burke)	Rev. Welding
12:00 noon	Saint Mary of Mercy	Francis Smith † (R.J. Smith)	Rev. Donley
12:05 p.m.	Church of the Epiphany	Anna Marie Kramer † Myrna Dlach	Rev. Marcucci
<b>Wednesday, August 7</b> <i>Saint Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest</i>			
6:30 a.m.	Saint Mary of Mercy	For the People of Saint Mary of Mercy	Msgr. Lengwin
7:30 a.m.	Saint Mary of Mercy	Connie Vaskov † (Gina Hutton)	Rev. Donley
12:00 noon	Saint Mary of Mercy	Robert Michel † (Mason Family)	Rev. Bryce
12:05 p.m.	Church of the Epiphany	Deceased of Burrell Family †	Rev. Augustine
<b>Thursday, August 8</b> <i>Saint Dominic, Priest</i>			
6:30 a.m.	Saint Mary of Mercy	Maha Basil † (Bob and Jan Pook)	Msgr. Lengwin
7:30 a.m.	Saint Mary of Mercy	Danny Morgan † (Bud and Karen Burke)	Rev. Donley
12:00 noon	Saint Mary of Mercy	Terrance Scott † (Stephanie and Jim Baumgartner)	Rev. Bryce
12:05 p.m.	Church of the Epiphany	Charles D. Yothers † (Cynthia Hahn Yothers)	Rev. Augustine
<b>Friday, August 9</b> <i>Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr</i>			
6:30 a.m.	Saint Mary of Mercy	For the People of Saint Mary of Mercy	Msgr. Lengwin
7:30 a.m.	Saint Mary of Mercy	Connie Vaskov † (Patty Shelley and Friends of Old Saint Patrick)	Rev. Donley
12:00 noon	Saint Mary of Mercy	Betrose and Petriga Families †	Rev. Gruber
12:05 p.m.	Church of the Epiphany	Robert J McLuckie † (Anne Dombrowski)	TBA
<b>Saturday, August 10</b> <i>Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr</i>			
12:00 noon	Saint Mary of Mercy	Anna Erra † Diane Shosky	Rev. Buchleitner
4:00 p.m.	Church of the Epiphany	Wedding-Abigail Hewitt and Quinton O'Rourke	Rev. Noel
4:00 p.m.	Saint Mary of Mercy	Frances Mineo (Stephanie and Jim Baumgartner)	Rev. Bryce
<b>Sunday, August 11</b> <i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>			
8:00 a.m.	Saint Mary of Mercy	Robert B Truel †	Msgr. Lengwin
9:00 a.m.	Church of the Epiphany	Pat Krivanek † (Family)	Rev. Stegman
10:30 a.m.	Saint Benedict the Moor	Oyenwenosasere Igbineweka † (Family of Andrew O Igbineweka)	Rev. Donley
10:30 a.m.	Saint Mary of Mercy	For the People of Saint Mary of Mercy	Msgr. Lengwin
5:00 p.m.	Church of the Epiphany	Dr. John Raevens (Friends)	Rev. Donley