

# Saint Francis Xavier Parish

## Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday

April 28, 2019



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### St. Francis Xavier Church

151 Bridge St., Narrowsburg

**Masses**

Saturday	4:30pm
Sunday	11:00am
Daily (Wednesday & Friday)	8:30am
Daily (Tuesday & Thursday)	6:30pm
Holydays of Obligation	As announced

**Confessions**

Saturdays	4:00pm
	Or by appointment

### Our Lady of the Lake Church

Rt. 52, Lake Huntington

**Masses**

Sunday	8:30am
Holydays of Obligation	As Announced

**Confessions & Daily Mass**

At St. Francis Xavier

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2019 FATHER DENNIS M. DINAN

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This is a name given to the Second Sunday of Easter by Pope Saint John Paul II in 2001. This was the same day he canonized Sister Faustina Kowalska. It was to her that the message of the Divine Mercy devotion was revealed by the Lord.

There were two decrees issued by the Church. The first decree officially established this Feast for the universal Church. The second decree was for the *plenary indulgence* for Divine Mercy Sunday that was issued on June 29, 2002. This decree also states what the duties of Priests are to be: inform the parishioners, hear confessions, and lead the prayers. It also asked Priests to gently encourage the Faithful to practice works of charity or mercy as often as they can, following the example of Christ.

The words of Our Lord in the diary of Saint Faustina are very clear, He said, "I want the image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. By means of the Image I shall be granting many graces to souls; so let every soul have access to it." (Diary 341, 570) The Image should be placed in the church so that everyone can see it, perhaps in the sanctuary area and at all the masses on that day so that everyone may venerate it.

Our Lord also said, "I desire that priests proclaim this great mercy of Mine towards souls of sinners. Tell My priests that hardened sinners will repent on hearing their words when they speak about My unfathomable mercy, about the compassion I have for them in My Heart. To priests who proclaim and extol My mercy, I will give wondrous power; I will anoint their words and touch the hearts of those to whom they will speak" (Diary, 50, 1521). Easter is the best time to proclaim God's mercy.

Our Lord Jesus said, "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy." (699)

This means that over and above the forgiveness of sins which the *Sacrament of Reconciliation* always does, there is also the opportunity to be freed from all the punishment due to sin, which the Sacrament does not remove. The latter is normally done through prayer and penance and, what remains at death, in Purgatory. This is the same as what the Church has always taught about Plenary Indulgences. So, this is what is available to each person who fulfills the conditions.

Cardinal William Baum, while working in the office of Apostolic Penitentiary in the Vatican, wrote some *General Remarks on Indulgences*. I share these with you because the Church gives us leeway in the fulfillment of the conditions. Many times people become over-scrupulous about these things. As one of the first priests that I knew in my life would tell us: "Do not be holier than the Church!" Good advice, although many still try! Nevertheless, the following should spell out the Church's mind as far as indulgences are concerned:

1. This is how an indulgence is defined in the *Code of Canon Law* (can. 992) and in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (n. 1471): "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already

been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints".

2. In general, the gaining of indulgences requires certain prescribed *conditions* (below, nn. 3, 4), and the performance of certain prescribed *works* (nn. 8, 9, 10 indicate those specific to the Holy Year).
3. To gain indulgences, whether plenary or partial, it is necessary that the faithful be in the *state of grace* at least at the time the indulgenced work is completed.
4. A **plenary indulgence** can be gained only **once a day**. In order to obtain it, the faithful must, in addition to **being in the state of grace**:
  - have the interior disposition of **complete detachment from sin, even venial sin**;
  - **have sacramentally confessed their sins**;
  - **receive the Holy Eucharist** (it is certainly better to receive it while participating in Holy Mass, but for the indulgence only Holy Communion is required);
  - **pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff**.
5. It is appropriate, but not necessary, that the sacramental Confession and especially Holy Communion and the prayer for the Pope's intentions take place on the same day that the indulgenced work is performed; but it is sufficient that these sacred rites and prayers be carried out **within several days (about 20) before or after** the indulgenced act. Prayer for the Pope's intentions is left to the choice of the faithful, but an "Our Father" and a "Hail Mary" are suggested. One sacramental Confession suffices for several plenary indulgences, but a separate Holy Communion and a separate prayer for the Holy Father's intentions are required for each plenary indulgence.
6. For the sake of those legitimately impeded, *confessors* can commute both the work prescribed and the conditions required (except, obviously, detachment from even venial sin).
7. Indulgences *can always be applied either to oneself or to the souls of the deceased*, but they cannot be applied to other persons living on earth.

There is much one can find in Saint Faustina's diary. For instance, there is a necessity for acts of mercy from us. You will find a description too of the Divine Mercy image. You will also find the prayer called the *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* (see bulletin flyer).

Our Lord also said, "...I demand from you deeds of mercy ... to arise out of love for Me" (Diary, 742). And, speaking of the Divine Mercy image, Saint John Paul II explained: "The two rays, according to what Jesus Himself told her, denote blood and water. The blood recalls the sacrifice of Golgotha and the mystery of the Eucharist: the water makes us think of Baptism and the Gift of the Holy Spirit."

With this in mind, since our parish does not have a Divine Mercy image, the image on the front of the bulletin is blessed so that all of us can share in this great outpouring of Love that Jesus wants us to have.

God's Peace   


*Congratulations to our  
First Holy Communicants!*



*Liam Bernas, Hunter Frangipane,  
Alison Grace McCarthy,  
Jack Meyer, Aiden Pearson,  
Kayleigh Vogler, Barbara Woss*

**SPRING  
DANCE**

**The Ecumenical Food Pantry**  
is sponsoring a  
***Spring Dance Fundraiser***  
at the Tusten Town Hall on  
Saturday, May 4 from 7-11pm.  
DJ, light fair, door prizes!  
\$10/person  
Tickets will be sold at the back  
of the church.

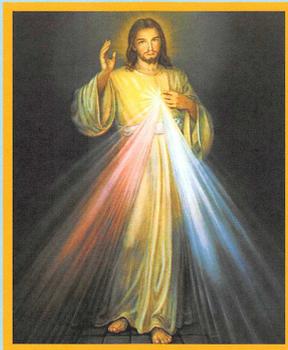
For more information, please contact  
Joanne Letendre  
at 845-252-3971.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**SUNDAY APRIL 28TH**

**ST GEORGE CHURCH - JEFFERSONVILLE**

**3 - 4 PM**

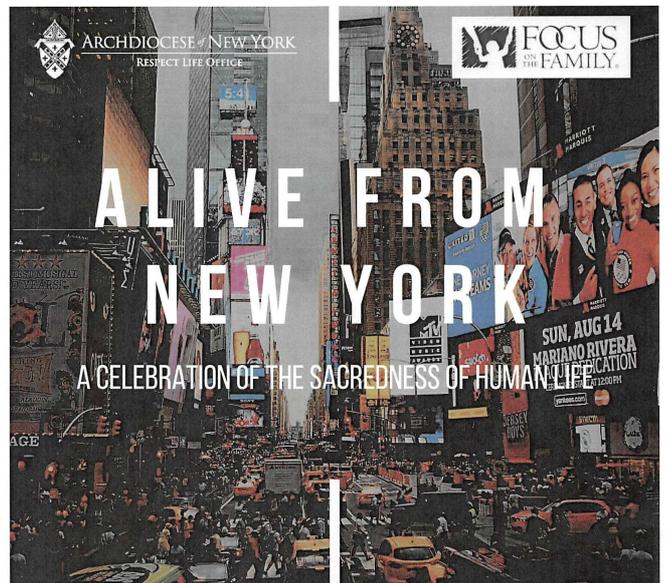


EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT; BENEDICTION; CHAPLET  
BRING & SHARE DINNER AFTERWARDS

From the diary of a young Polish nun, Sister Faustina Kowalska, a special devotion began spreading throughout the world in the 1930's. The message was nothing new, but a reminder of what the Church has always taught through scripture and tradition: that God is merciful and forgiving and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness. But in the Divine Mercy devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus, calling people to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone.

How do we handle trials in our life? In the midst of her own difficulties, St. Faustina wrote, "When I see that the burden is beyond my strength, I do not consider or analyze it or probe into it, but I run like a child to the Heart of Jesus and say only one word to Him, 'You can do all things.' And then I keep silent, because I know that Jesus himself will intervene in the matter, and as for me, instead of tormenting myself, I use that time to love Him".

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

SFX 4:30pm -Al Smith Jr.

Requested by Al & Linda Smith

### Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

OLL 8:30am -Our Parish Family

SFX 11:00am -Eugene Harrison

Requested by Dorothy Schultz

### Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

NO MASS

### Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

SFX 6:30pm -Our Parish Family

### Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

SFX 8:30am - Our Parish Family

### Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

SFX 6:30pm - Our Parish Family

### Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

SFX 8:30am - Our Parish Family

### Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

SFX 4:30pm - Our Parish Family

### Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

OLL 8:30am -Ruth Cunningham

Requested by Mary Jane Nober

SFX 11:00am - Our Parish Family



*The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated next Sunday, May 5 at 11:00am.*

## Parish Heating Costs

2018/19 Season

<b>OLL Church</b>	<b>\$5,288.08</b>
<b>SFX Church</b>	<b>\$7,265.72</b>
<b>SFX Rectory</b>	<b>\$2,714.00</b>

**Total**  
**\$15,267.80**

## Good Friday Collection

April 19, 2019

### Collection

St. Francis Xavier \$206.00

## Easter Collection

April 20/21, 2019

### 1<sup>st</sup> Collection

St. Francis Xavier \$2104.00  
Our Lady of the Lake \$924.00

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Capital Improvements)

St. Francis Xavier \$563.00  
Our Lady of the Lake \$462.00

### Other (Flowers)

St. Francis Xavier \$5.00

**Total**  
**\$4,058.00**  
*Thank you!*

## Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 5:12-16  
Revelation 1:9-11a,12-13, 17-19  
John 20:19-31

## Please Pray for our Parish Family

**For the Sick:** Christina Hubert, Peggy Lee Romano, Barbara Walter, Lydia Newton, Connie Moser, Elizabeth Stoddard

**For the Deceased:** Mary Weiden, Muriel Maers, Stan Rembish, Eugene Harrison, Terry McCarthy, John Werner

**For those Serving in the Military:** Justin Warnick, Joseph A. Choffo IV