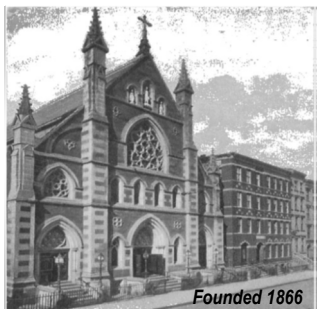




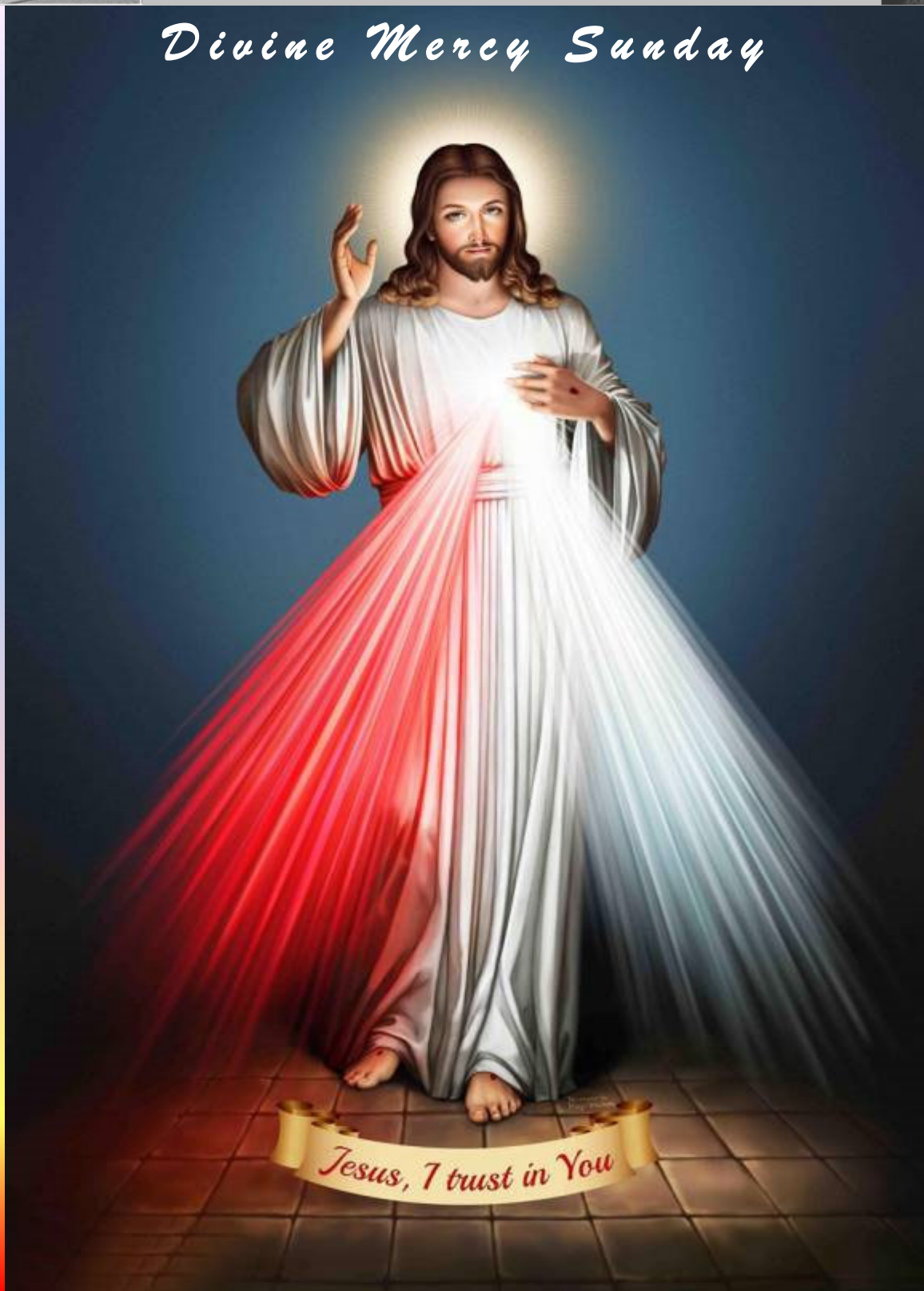
THE SHRINE AND PARISH CHURCH
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Divine Mercy Sunday





Christian Pepo (L)
Sam Radov (d) Anniversary
Reginald Magloire (L)
Ronald O'Mura (d)
Nerry Cardenas (d)
Elizabeth Gilligan (L)
Arlene Sumido (L) Thanksgiving Intentions
Patricia O'Hagen (d)
Luigina Zambianchi (d)
Peter Bertoli (d)
The O'Donnell Family (d)
Reginald Magloire (L)
James R. Duffy (d)
Wiestaw (L)
Servant of God Mary Grace Bellotti
Olga O'Reilly (d)
Pablo & Marginita Dublin (L) 37th Wedding
Anniversary
The Dynes Family (d)
Graciela Parodi (L)
Liu Zhongchen (d)
Juana Martell (d)
Conor Breidenback (d)

Altar Offerings

In Memory of Neli Gilberto



Next Holy Hour: To be determined

We are in need of donors for a new microphone for the High Altar for use at the *Ad Orientem* Novus Ordo Masses as well as for a lectern for the sedilia for priests who wish to begin the celebration of Holy Mass there. If you are interested in contributing to this, please contact the Parish Office.

TODAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Concerning the Feast of Mercy Jesus said:

Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. (*Diary* 300)

I want the image solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. (*Diary* 341)

This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of my tender mercies. (*Diary* 420)

On one occasion, I heard these words: My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. **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 grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (*Diary* 699)

Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to our neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it. (*Diary* 742)

I want to grant complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy. (*Diary* 1109)



FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Today is the Feast of Divine Mercy. Our Lord's words to St. Faustina about this requirement to be merciful are very strong and leave no room for misinterpretation:

Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there also must be acts of mercy...I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it (*Diary*, 742).

Thus, to fittingly observe the Feast of Mercy, we should:

1. **Celebrate** the Feast on the First Sunday after Easter.
2. Sincerely **repent** of all our sins.
3. Place our complete **trust** in Jesus.
4. Go to **Confession**, preferably before that Sunday.
5. Receive **Holy Communion** on the day of the Feast.
6. **Venerate the Image** of Divine Mercy.
7. **Be merciful** to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.

QUOTES FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

"Jesus loves hidden souls. A hidden flower is the most fragrant. I must strive to make the interior of my soul a resting place for the Heart of Jesus."

"The Holy Spirit does not speak to a soul that is distracted and garrulous. He speaks by His quiet inspirations to a soul that is recollected, to a soul that knows how to keep silence."

"Pure love is capable of great deeds, and it is not broken by difficulty or adversity. As it remains strong in the midst of great difficulties, so too it perseveres in the toilsome and drab life of each day. It"

"Act in such a way that all those who come in contact with you will go away joyful. Sow happiness about you because you have received much from God; give, then, generously to others. They should take leave of you with their hearts filled with joy, even if they have no more than touched the hem of your garment."

"Truth wears a crown of thorns"

"Your holy will is the life of my soul."

FEEL LIKE YOU ARE IN DEEP PIT?
WONDERING IF YOU CAN CLIMB OUT?



Discover how the ticket to Heaven often takes us down before we can rise up and out. Come get your ticket and open the packages given by Heaven to make sure you survive the journey.

COME TO Our PARISH MISSION
On Practicing for Heaven

MISSIONARIES OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST: Fr. Sean Kopczynski, MSJB CHURCH:
HOLY INNOCENTS

DATES: APRIL 26-30

TIMES: SUN AFTER 2:30 PM VESPERS; MON-THU 6:00 PM MASS FOLLOWED BY
7:00 PM EVENING MISSION CONFERENCE (CONFESSIONS BEFORE & AFTER);
SHORT CONFERENCES MON-THU AFTER THE MIDDAY 12:15 MASS.

5 MILLION PRAYERS FOR PEACE

Are you depressed about the state of this fallen world? Do you ever wonder if you could do more to help? Well, this year the Association of Marian Helpers together with the World Apostolate of Fatima and Children of the Eucharist are inviting prayer warriors around the globe to join them on a bold new mission called "World Rosary 2020." The goal is to collect 5 million prayers of the Rosary into a "spiritual bouquet." This bouquet of prayers will be offered at Masses on May 13 and October 13 at the Chapel of Apparitions in Fatima, Portugal, by Fr. Carlos Cabecinhas, rector of the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary. Our Lady promised at Fatima: "In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph." She also said at Fatima: "Continue to pray the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary because only She can help you." Our Lady promised that if we pray the Rosary every day and make sacrifices, She will intervene in history. Visit [WorldRosary2020.org] to submit your gift of ongoing prayers to Our Lady of Fatima's Immaculate Heart. Again, go to WorldRosary2020.org and enter the number of rosaries you'd like to commit to. There you can keep track of the total number of prayers offered.

EASTER DUTY

Easter Duty is the popular name for the obligation which the Church imposes on all Catholics who have attained the age of reason to confess their sins at least once a year and to receive Holy Communion during the Easter period. The law of annual confession and the law of Easter Communion were established by the 4th Council of the Lateran in 1215. Those who willfully neglect to observe these explicit laws are guilty of grievous sin. The Church says that confession once a year and Communion at Easter is the least that a person may do and remain a practicing Catholic. The Church wishes her members to receive the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist often. By a special privilege of Pope Pius VIII for the United States, the time for Easter Communion begins on the First Sunday of Lent and closes on Trinity Sunday (this year celebrated on June 7).

CONTINUED PARISHIONERS DONOR SUPPORT

During these unsettling times, Parishioners and Donors can make their weekly contribution online which is available at <https://innocents.churchgiving.com> or by calling the following number:

- WeShare Donor Customer Service Phone Number: 800-950-9952 (press #3 and then press #2)
- WeShare Customer Service Email: weshare@4lpi.com
- WeShare Donor FAQ: [WeShare Donor Support](#)

We deeply appreciate your support and generosity to your Parish. Please email the Parish Office at rectory@shrineofholynnocents.org if you have any questions.

Re-opening of Holy Innocents Church

I am very happy to inform you that our beautiful church was once again opened for private prayer beginning on Easter Wednesday, April 15. Please share this good news with whomever you know!

"Social distancing" **must** be obeyed, which means you are to be separated from each other by a circumference of 6 feet and those in the church will have to enforce that among themselves! If this will not be adhered to, the church once again will have to close until this pandemic completely passes and the "shelter-at-home" order is lifted. The daily schedule **7 days a week** will be as follows:

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Church open with Exposition and Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

12 noon - 1:00 p.m.

Confessions heard

Public Masses are still not permitted to be celebrated until further notice from the Archdiocese. Over time, the regular opening hours will once again be in place but for now we shall gradually step back into a semblance of regular parish life.



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CARDINAL'S
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
Sharing God's Gifts

Goal for Holy Innocents - \$57,000

Participation Goal - 67

Pledged to date - \$12,283

Number of donors - 34

Still needed - **\$44,717**

If you have not made your pledge/gift to this year's Appeal, please do so today! Thank you for your generosity.

COLLECTION REPORT

Easter Online Contributions	\$ 4,711.00
Easter Mailed Contributions	\$ 899.00
Easter Gift (Mailed)	\$ 630.00
Candles	\$ 86.00
Easter Sunday Collection - 2019	\$11,409.80
Easter Gift	\$ 8,280.00
Shrines and Candles	\$ 3,025.00

Online Contributions - 04/05/20	\$3,273.00
Mailed Contributions	\$3,960.00
Candles	\$ 94.00
Regular Collection - 04/07/19	\$6,432.00
Shrines and Candles	\$3,111.00

Your generous contribution to your Parish is greatly appreciated!

May the Good Lord reward you abundantly!

The Shrine to the Unborn

Blessed by Cardinal O'Connor on December 28, 1993



*The Shrine is dedicated in Memory of the Children
Who Have Died Unborn*

*We invite you to name your child(ren)
and provide the opportunity to have
your baby's name inscribed in our "Book of Life".*

Healing *after Abortion*

To speak to a Sister, or learn about
our monthly Days of Prayer and
Healing, contact the Sisters of Life:

866.575.0075 (toll free)
hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

To register for men:
877.586.4621 (toll free)
Lumina@postabortionhelp.org

Ocean
of mercy

LEGION OF MARY - REGINA MUNDI

The Holy Innocents Legion of Mary group meets each Monday in the Parish Hall following the 6 p. m. Mass. For more information on joining this ministry as an active or auxiliary member please contact Melissa Becker at: melissa_925@msn.com



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Often children who have died before birth have no grave or headstone, and sometimes not even a name. At The Church of The Holy Innocents, we invite you to name your child(ren) and to have the opportunity to have your baby's name inscribed in our "BOOK OF LIFE". Here, a candle is always lit in their memory. All day long people stop to pray. On the first Monday of every month, our 12:15pm Mass is celebrated in honor of these children and for the comfort of their families. We pray that you will find peace in knowing that your child(ren) will be remembered at the Shrine and honored by all who pray here.

We will inscribe the names of babies who have died before and at birth in our Book of Life, and as always, we invite you to visit the Shrine if you are in New York City.

SUBWAY ROSARY

Our Regina Mundi Praesidium of the Legion of Mary conducts a Subway Rosary on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. All are invited to join in this evangelization effort to spread devotion to Our Lady. Anyone interested in joining is asked to gather at Holy Innocents by 10:00am. The group will then proceed to 42nd and Broadway Time Square subway station. We will be located by the Time Square Shuttle downstairs. We recite 20 decades of the Holy Rosary and return back to Holy Innocents around 12:15. Come for all or part of the Subway Rosary.

Upcoming Subway Rosaries

April 25
May 9

VOLUNTEER SINGERS NEEDED

"Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual canticles, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, always and for everything giving thanks..."

- Ephesians Ch 5.

The Shrine & Parish Church of Holy Innocents Volunteer choir needs your voice! All ages welcome. We meet on Sundays at 9:30am in the Church Hall. Please email Rachel Aldridge at Aldridge.r.a@gmail.com if you are interested in joining. No prior experience necessary.

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