

## St. Joseph Catholic Church



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### St. Joseph is a Tithing Parish God's Plan for Giving

In return for the Lord's generosity,  
our people returned to God the following:

Easter Sunday Collection: \$5,140.00

Our Faith, Our Future: \$551.00

Holy Thursday: \$551.00

Good Friday (Holy Lands): \$903.00

### Second Collections

April 16 – Repair & Maintenance

April 30 – Catholic Home Missions

*The Sanctuary Candle burns  
this week for Paul Boiardi*

## Divine Mercy Sunday

April 16, 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Apr. 15<sup>th</sup>      Healing Mass for Diane Sykes  
4:00 PM              by Geri Preyer

Sun., Apr. 16<sup>th</sup>      *Divine Mercy Sunday*  
8:00 AM              Judy Reese  
                             by Carole & Ed Barsis

11:00 AM              People of the Parish  
**This Mass will be at the Church  
on Broadway for the opening  
of the Annual Parish Eucharistic Devotions.**

Mon., Apr. 17<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM              Frank Povish

7:00 PM              **Benediction & Closing  
Of Eucharistic Devotions**

Tues., Apr 18<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM              Memory of Frank Braga  
                             By Mary Aliotta Family

Wed., Apr. 19<sup>th</sup>

6:00 PM              Henry Ludwig,  
                             Parish Benefactor

Thurs., Apr. 20<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM              Vincenzo Viterbo  
                             by his daughter Giusi

Fri., Apr. 21<sup>st</sup>

9:00 AM              *St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor*  
                             Dorothy Diehl  
                             by Marian & Tom Lang

Sat., Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup>

4:00 PM              Healing Mass for Tiffany Hauck  
                             by Geri Preyer

Sun., Apr. 23<sup>rd</sup>

8:00 AM              *Third Sunday of Easter*  
                             People of the Parish

11:00 AM

Bea Gharett  
on her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
by the Gharett Children

Merle Nicholas died this past week.  
He was the husband of long-time  
Parishioner Anne Gantt Nicholas who died  
in 2003. May they rest in peace.

## From Your Pastor.

**He is Risen, Alleluia!  
Indeed, He is risen, Alleluia.**

By the grace of God, we continue to celebrate the Mystery of the Resurrection, for eight days we have done so. Today is the eighth day of the Octave, now known as Mercy Sunday. The greatest gift God could give to us, is not only eternal life, but a life that has been changed into the 'Life of God', in the Image and likeness of Christ. As He is mercy, so we are also called to be His mercy to the world.

During our parish's Annual Eucharistic Devotions, we have the gift, the privilege to share in His ministry of reconciliation of the whole world. Yes, we are to receive His spirit and to proclaim and show His mercy to others. May our hours of adoration bring about reconciliation between Russia and the Ukraine, between all parties holding enmity towards others. May your devotions bring about reunion between family members, and their return to the Catholic Church. Here is the great call to fulfill the message of the Image of Divine Mercy, "Jesus, I thrust in You!" we trust that He will do great things for us, and grant to us, the grace to do great things for Him...with Him, In Him and Through Him to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

*Fr. John D. Hoke*

### REASONS TO SPEND ONE HOUR WITH JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

You grow spiritually with each moment you spend with Jesus! "Our essential commitment in life is to preserve and advance constantly in Eucharistic life and Eucharistic piety and to grow spiritually in the climate of the Holy Eucharist." *Pope John Paul II, Redeemer of Man*

The best time you spend on earth is with Jesus, your Best Friend, in the Blessed Sacrament! "How great is the value of conversation with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, for there is nothing more consoling on earth, nothing more efficacious for advancing along the road of holiness!" *Pope Paul VI, Mysterium Fidei*

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

### First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47*

The first community of Christians grows as its members meet to pray and break bread.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24*

God's love is everlasting.

### Second Reading

*1 Peter 1:3-9*

We have new hope because of Jesus' Resurrection.

### Gospel Reading

*John 20:19-31*

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.



### CONFESSIONS

At the Church

Saturday from 3:15-3:45

before the 4 o'clock Mass.

Sunday from 7:15-7:45

before the 8 o'clock Mass.

Or by Appointment

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



24-hour Eucharistic

Adoration will be held each Monday again beginning April 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph's Church following the 9 o'clock Mass, and the Eucharist will remain on the altar until Benediction immediately preceding Tuesday morning's Mass. You don't have to sign-up to visit, but please sign-in. If you would be

able to be a substitute for someone who is regularly scheduled, please talk to Father Hoke, or put a note in the collection basket, or call the office. Or if you would like to change your regularly scheduled time, please notify Father Hoke.



## MERCY SUNDAY ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION

April 15-16-17

**Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**, 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

**Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**, 8:00 AM Mass.

The 11:00 AM Mass will be  
at the Church on Broadway.

At the end of the 11:00 Mass, we will have the opening of our Eucharistic Devotions with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all afternoon.

At 3:00 we will close the devotions with Divine Mercy Chaplet, Sermon and Benediction.

**Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 AM Mass followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until the evening Benediction Service.

Monday Evening Service, 7:00 PM with Benediction and Closing of Devotions.

No 24-Hours of Adoration all night  
Monday into Tuesday morning.

## Divine Mercy Sunday

Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary.

*This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, nazism and communism, were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercy—the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church.*

—Pope Saint John Paul II, *Memory and Identity* (2005)

St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed.

*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. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... 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.*

—St. Faustina, *Diary*, no. 699

On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

## THE IMAGE

Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls".

—St. Faustina, *Diary*, no. 742

## THE CHAPLET

The Chaplet was also given to St. Faustina with this promise: "Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you" (Diary, no. 1541). "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. ... Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy" (Diary, no. 687)

Jesus gave St. Faustina nine intentions for which to pray the Chaplet beginning on Good Friday and ending on the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday.

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Catholic Bishops website



## Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you to all who donated Easter candy and eggs for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. This family event was enjoyed by many after the 11 o'clock Mass.

Pictured right is Declan getting ready to charge out to the grounds.



**The Mortimer Family**



**Brett & Luke Boyd**



**Myers & Shaeffer Families**



**Beatrice & Louise Cromley**



**The Drollinger Family**



**Eileen Povish's Grandchildren**

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

Remember Those Who Are Sick  
In Your Prayers, Especially:

Pat Behan	Marie Lindner
Bob Bender	Sue Lindner
John Bender	Marie Luzenski
Luke Boyd	Michael McHale
Dolores Caicco	Andrew Mikowski
Leslie Cameron	Dave Moser
Helen Choplick	Melinda Oliveri
Mike Enright	Mary Ruth Palmer
Ronan Erb	Eleanor Poponiak
Giovanna Fanella	Gloria Reeder
Irene Hamilton	Joan Rudloff
John Heimbach	Dashawnda Russell
Betty Johnston	Larry Seibert
Christine Koons	Patricia Starcher
Margaret Koons	Diane Sykes
Nicole Lamprinos	Enza Welker
Andria Laurence	Bill Woodling
Malyssa Lenig	Vickie Youmans
	Andrea Rae Young

Please contact the church office (email, call or place a note in the collection basket) if you would like to have a name added to the prayer list.

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 9:30-3:30  
Wednesday 9:00-12:00  
Office Phone: (570) 742-4356

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN 2023

May 4, 2023 – National Day of Prayer  
May 12, 2023 – Filled Pork Chop Fundraiser  
May 14, 2023 – Mother's Day  
May 18, 2023 – Ascension Thursday  
May 28, 2023 – Pentecost Sunday  
*First Holy Communion*  
June 18, 2023 – Father's Day

*Happy Birthday Rita Patynski - April 15<sup>th</sup>*