

# SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY | APRIL 12, 2026



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# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

APR 11		EASTER SATURDAY	CELEBRANT
8:30 am	CHA	Robert Gornal, Jr. by Robert & Francesca	Fr. Pat
4:00 pm	DON	Donna Jean Macik by St. Dominic & MVC girlfriends	Fr. Levi
5:30 pm	CHA	People of the Parish	Fr. Pat
APR 12		DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	CELEBRANT
7:30 am	DON	Alex Ferguson, Jr. by wife, Loretta & Children	Fr. Levi
9:00 am	CHA	Harold Sr. & Helen Geho by Tiech Family	Fr. Pat
11:30 am	MON	Linda & Dennis Craig by Sister, Sandy Craig	Fr. Levi
6:00 pm	MON	People of the Parish	Fr. Pat
APR 13		MEMORIAL OF SAINT MARTIN I, POPE AND MARTYR	
8:30 am	CHA	Catherine Martin by Gerry & Armand Ferrara	
APR 14		TUESDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF EASTER	
8:30 am	DON	Sanfilippo, Costa & Clark Families by The Clark Family	
APR 15		WEDNESDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF EASTER	
7:00 pm	MON	Lane Jonas by The Jonas Family	
APR 16		THURSDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF EASTER	
8:30 am	DON	John Kappa by Louise Kowall	
APR 17		FRIDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF EASTER	
8:30 am	MON	Gloria DeRosa by Daughter, Mary Ann	
APR 18		SATURDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF EASTER	CELEBRANT
8:30 am	CHA	Geraldine Bednar Wall by Marlene Calcek	Fr. Pat
4:00 pm	DON	Wallace Zielinski by Emilie, Flo & Family	Fr. Pat
5:30 pm	CHA	Pam Chacko Hartshorn by Jim & Maryann Amicucci	Fr. Levi
APR 19		SUNDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF EASTER	CELEBRANT
7:30 am	DON	People of the Parish	Fr. Levi
9:00 am	CHA	Robert & Emma Pavlekovsky Lori & Robert Szerszen	Fr. Levi
11:30 am	MON	People of the Parish	Fr. Pat
6:00 pm	MON	Marjorie Jonas by The Ellsworth Family	Fr. Pat

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# - SACRAMENTS -



## MASS SCHEDULE/ ÒRE MAS

### Saturday/Samdi

4:00pm - Donora

5:30pm - Charleroi

### Sunday/Dimanch

7:30am - Donora

9:00am - Charleroi

11:30am - Monongahela

6:00pm - Monongahela

### Weekday Mass Times/ Tan Mas jou lasèman

#### Monday/Lendi

Charleroi 8:30am

#### Tuesday/Madi

Donora 8:30am

#### Wednesday/Mèkredi

Monongahela 7:00pm

#### Thursday/Jedi

Donora 8:30am

#### Friday/Vandredi

Monongahela 8:30am

#### Saturday/Samdi

Charleroi 8:30am

*This schedule does not  
reflect holidays or Holy Days.*

*Orè sa a pa relete jou ferye oswa  
jou apa pou Bondye.*

## STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, March 29th  
\$12,107

Sunday, April 5th  
\$23,118



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In danger of death please call the  
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hospital or a skilled nursing  
facility, please ask the nursing  
staff to contact the priest on call.



### MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish  
office to set a meeting with a  
member of the clergy no less  
than six months before the  
proposed wedding date.



### PENANCE

**Mondays, Charleroi**  
6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

**Wednesdays, Monongahela**  
6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

**Saturdays, Donora**  
3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

**First Fridays, Donora**  
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**By appointment, please call  
the parish office.**



**“I AM THE LIGHT OF THE  
WORLD. WHOEVER  
FOLLOWS ME WILL NOT  
WALK IN DARKNESS BUT  
WILL HAVE THE LIGHT  
OF LIFE.”**

JOHN 8:12



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE  
BURNS THIS WEEK IN**

**CHARLEROI FOR  
PHIL & JOHN TILLMAN**  
By: Lisa Yagnich

**DONORA FOR  
ALEX FERGUSON, JR.**  
By: Wife, Lorretta & Children,  
Alex, Annie & Krista

**MONONGAHELA FOR  
LINDA CURCIO**  
By: John, John, Jr., Christine

# CLERGY

## A WORD FROM FR. LEVI

Happy Divine Mercy Sunday! Today we celebrate the gift of infinite mercy! The word “mercy” comes from *miseria*, which means “misery” and *cordis*, which means “heart.” Mercy happens when our misery comes into contact with the heart of another. On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we celebrate that no matter what misery we experience in life, the Lord longs to bring us into contact with His Most Sacred Heart! It is here, in the Heart of God, that we find everything we are looking for!

Today’s readings tell us so much about the early Church and how mercy was abundantly given and shared! In the first reading, we hear that the baptized “**devoted** themselves to the teachings of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.” **Devoted** is a strong word. The people were **devoted** to the teaching of the apostles and the communal life. This means they were applying themselves to learning all about the faith! If you ever feel bored at Mass, or feel like you should know more about the faith, ask the Holy Spirit to help you **devote** yourself to learning more deeply and living more fully the teachings of the Church! There are so many ways to learn these days. It could be reading the various articles of the bulletin on a regular basis, or going to one or more of so many wonderful groups at our parish like the Bible study, The Chosen Ministry, Man up, etc! For personal use and 24 hour access, you can also use youtube videos or numerous apps, such as “Divine Office,” or “Hallowed,” or “Discerning Hearts.” Between now and Pentecost we will be having a Life in the Spirit Seminar on Thursdays! This is a great way to learn more about the Holy Spirit’s role in our lives and to allow Him to awaken in us a deeper devotion to Christ our Risen Lord!

The early Church was also **devoted** to “the breaking of the bread” and the prayers. This is a great description of the Mass! As I have said so many times while preaching, the Mass is the time for us to offer ourselves to the Lord and receive Him in exchange! We live our lives throughout the week and encounter all kinds of trials and struggles. On Saturday evening or Sunday, when we come to Church, first we gather with others who love Jesus. That is itself very important, because no one can live the faith alone. We are encouraged by everyone else we see at Church and as we sing the opening song, we feel a certain unity with everyone that is powerful and profound! Next, we hear God speak to us encouraging words from Sacred Scripture! Strengthened by these words, we then offer ourselves to the Lord during the offertory. At this time, the collection is taken up. We place money in the basket here in the US, but in many other countries people bring up whatever they have. The point is that we are offering the Lord who we are and what we have. He receives that offering along with the bread and wine and then offers it to God the Father. God then responds by accepting our offering and giving us in return the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ! We then receive every grace and blessing that we need for the week as we receive our Lord in the Eucharist! This is perfect mercy in action! Our misery entering into the Heart of God, and God’s heart being poured into ours through the gift of His Risen Son’s Body and Blood! Let us hold nothing back, but give everything to our Lord, that we might find ourselves at rest in perfect Love!



Reverend Levi Hartle  
Pastor

### PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saint Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle,  
be our protection against the  
wickedness and snares of the devil;  
may God rebuke him we humbly  
pray;  
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly  
host, by the power of God, cast into  
hell Satan and all evil spirits  
who prowl through the world seeking  
the ruin of souls. Amen.

### PRAYER TO SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE

O Glorious Saint Andrew,  
you were the first to recognize  
and follow the Lamb of God.  
With your friend Saint John,  
you remained with Jesus for that day,  
for your entire life,  
and now throughout eternity.  
As you led your brother Saint Peter to  
Christ and many others after Him,  
draw us also to Him.  
Teach us to lead others to Christ  
solely out of love for Him  
and dedication in His service.  
Help us to learn the lesson of the  
cross and to carry our daily crosses  
without complaint so that they may  
carry us to Jesus. Amen.

# LITURGY PREPARATION

## Divine Mercy Sunday

St. Faustina was a Polish nun that only lived a short 33 years (1905-1938), but has become one of the most well-known saints today. During her life, she was blessed to receive many visions of Jesus, which she recorded in her diary that has since been published. Throughout these visions, Jesus revealed to her the love and mercy that he wanted to pour out onto the world.

The image most associated with Divine Mercy (pictured in the sidebar) was shown to St. Faustina by Jesus. She describes the encounter in her diary under entry 47: *"I saw the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in the gesture of blessing, the other was touching the garment at the chest. From beneath the garment, slightly drawn aside at the chest, there were emanating two large rays, one red and the other pale. After a while Jesus said to me, "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You."* Further mystic visions of Jesus revealed His desire *"that the First Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy."* (Diary, 299) Almost 70 years later, Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina and declared that the Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday.

Along with the beautiful visions of Jesus, St. Faustina was also granted visions of purgatory and hell. These experiences were horrific and difficult to describe because there is no earthly suffering that compares to the suffering of those not in heaven. St. Faustina was able to communicate with those in purgatory, and when she asked what their greatest suffering was, they all answered that it was their separation from God. In hell, St. Faustina details some of the horrors she saw, saying, *"I would have died at the very sight of these tortures if the omnipotence of God had not supported me."* She goes on to say that *"most of the souls there are those who disbelieved that there is a hell."* (Diary 741) Faustina believed she was given visions of hell in order to tell others of its existence and to turn people toward Jesus' mercy and salvation.

It pierces Jesus' heart that after everything he's done to save us, there are still people that go to hell. As we've recently walked through Holy Week, Jesus' passion and death is still fresh in our minds, and yet Jesus told St. Faustina that *"souls perish in spite of my bitter passion."* (Diary 965) As if dying for our sins was not enough, Jesus reaches even further still to give us his "divine" mercy this weekend. Here are His 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 graces flow are opened.**"* (Diary 699)

What some may not realize is that when we sin and subsequently go to confession, our sins are forgiven, but the punishment due for the sins remains. That punishment can be satisfied by "offering up" our earthly sufferings in atonement for our sins, or it will be worked out in purgatory if we die in a state of grace. In regard to this suffering for our sins, Jesus told St. Faustina that *"My mercy does not want this, but justice demands it."* (Diary 20) Despite that reality, the overwhelming good news is that when we receive Jesus' mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday (after making a good confession and receiving the Eucharist at mass over Divine Mercy weekend), any punishment due for our sins is remitted! The slate is wiped clean. THAT is how merciful Jesus is! Even those who fear their sin is too great can take hope in Jesus' promise: *"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)

If you receive communion this weekend, but did not go to confession prior to Divine Mercy Sunday, you are still permitted to go to confession within 8 days after Divine Mercy Sunday, and you will still receive all the graces offered! I pray that everyone takes advantage of this super-abundant outpouring of grace, and that this gift spurs us to offer mercy to everyone we encounter!



Amanda Nicholson  
Director of Music & Liturgy



# THE ORDER OF MASS

## OPENING HYMN

## THE STRIFE IS O'ER



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1. The strife is o'er, the battle done; Now is the  
 2. The pow'rs of death have done their worst; But Christ their  
 3. On the third day Christ rose a - gain, Glo - rious in  
 4. He closed the yawning gates of hell; The bars from  
 5. Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you, Free from death's



Vic - tor's tri - umph won! Songs of re - joic - ing  
 le - gions has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly  
 maj - es - ty to reign. O let us swell the  
 heav'n's high por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his  
 sting your ser - vants too, that we may live and



have be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 joy - ful strain. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Text: Finita jam sunt praelia; Latin, 12th C.; tr. by Francis Pott, 1832-1909, alt.*

*Tune: VICTORY, 888 with alleluias; Giovanni da Palestrina, 1525-1594; adapt. by William H. Monk, 1823-1889*

## SPRINKLING

## WATER OF LIFE



Wa-ter of life, cleanse and re - fresh us; raise us to life in Christ Je - sus.

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1. All you who thirst, come to the waters, and you will never be thirsty again. R/.
2. As rain from heav'n, so is God's word, it waters the earth and brings forth life. R/.
3. Dying with Christ, so we shall rise with him, death shall no longer have pow'r over us. R/.
4. Turn to the Lord, cast off your wickedness, you will find peace in his infinite love. R/.

## GLORIA

## MASS OF CREATION



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, \_\_\_\_\_ and on earth



peace to peo - ple of good will.

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# THE ORDER OF MASS

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of

the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. **R/.**

## FIRST READING

ACTS 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves

to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is ever - last - ing.

*Text: Verses, The Revised Grail Psalms, © 2010, Conception Abbey and The Grail; Refrain: ICEL; Music: Michael Guimont © 1994, GIA Pub.*

- Let the house of Israel say,  
"His mercy endures forever."  
Let the house of Aaron say,  
"His mercy endures forever."  
Let those who fear the LORD say,  
"His mercy endures, endures forever."
- I was thrust down, thrust down and falling,  
but the LORD was my helper.  
The LORD is my strength and my song;  
he was my savior.  
There shouts of joy and salvation  
in the tents of the just.
- The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.  
By the LORD has this been done,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This is the day the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice in it, and be glad.

## SECOND READING

1 PETER 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than

gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

# THE ORDER OF MASS

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord;  
blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

## GOSPEL

JOHN 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the

Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

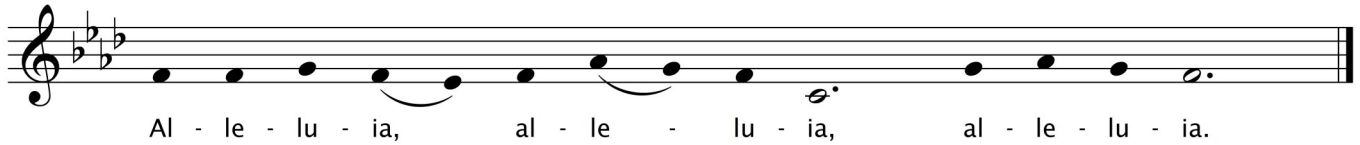
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

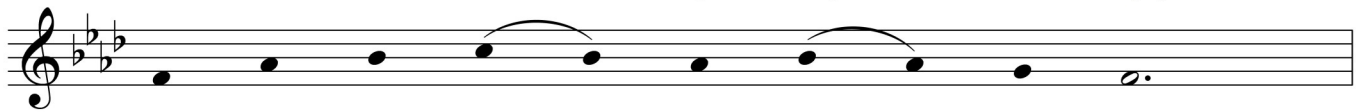
# THE ORDER OF MASS

## PREPARATION HYMN

## O SONS AND DAUGHTERS



1. That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;  
2. When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard,  
3. "My wound - ed side, O Thom - as, see;  
4. No long - er Thom - as then de - nied;  
5. How blest are they who have not seen,  
6. On this most ho - ly day of days,

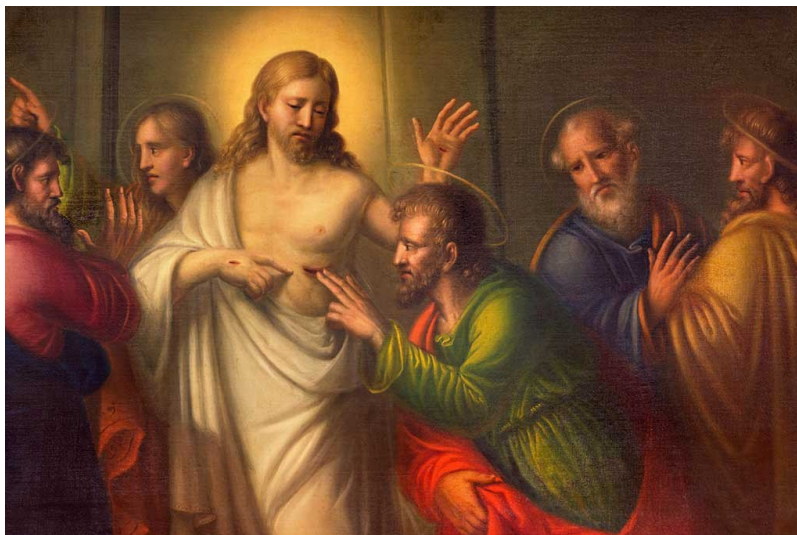


A - midst them came their Lord most dear.  
How they had seen the ris - en Lord,  
Be - hold my hands, my feet," said he;  
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
And yet whose faith has con - stant been,  
To God your hearts and voic - es raise,



and said, "My peace be on all here." Al - le - lu - ia!  
He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!  
"Not faith - less but be - liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia!  
"You are my Lord and God," he cried. Al - le - lu - ia!  
For they e - ter - nal life shall win. Al - le - lu - ia!  
In laud and jub - i - lee and praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Text: O filii et filiae; Jean Tisserand, d.1494; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.  
Tune: O FILII ET FILIAE, 888 with alleluias; Mode II; acc. by Richard Proulx, 1937-2010, © 1975*



# THE ORDER OF MASS

## COMMUNION HYMN

## WORTHY IS THE LAMB

Wor-thy is the Lamb that was slain to re - ceive hon - or and glo -

ry. Wor-thy are the ones who be - lieve to re - ceive the good - ness of

God. \_\_\_\_\_

1. Wor - thy are you, O Pas - chal Lamb.
2. Wor - thy are you, O Bread of Life. Sal -
3. Wor - thy are you, O Ris - en Christ.

Wis - dom and strength be - long now to you. You laid down your life and  
va - tion and joy be - long now to us. By con - quer - ing death and  
Won - ders and signs, re - veal - ing your might. Your pow - er and glo - ry

died up - on the cross; we've be - come a peo - ple of hope.  
ris - ing to new life, we've be - come a peo - ple of praise.  
shine up - on our lives; we've be - come your light for the world.

*Text: Based on Revelation 5:9-14. Text and music © 1997, Ricky Manalo, CSP. Published by Spirit & Song®, a division of OCP.*

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

## I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What joy this  
2. He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to

blest as - sur - ance gives! He lives, he lives who once was  
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry soul to

dead; He lives, my ev - er - last - ing Head!  
feed; He lives to help in time of need.

3. He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.

4. He lives, all glory to his name; He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
What joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

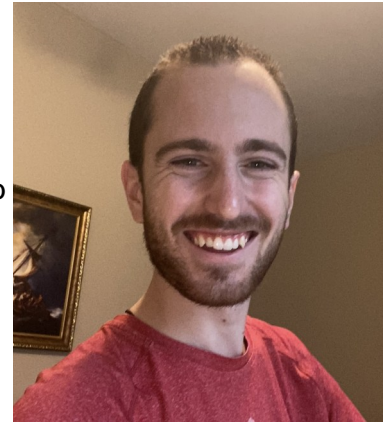
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# MISERY ATTRACTS MERCY

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One time while I was on Instagram, I came across a post from the *Franciscan Friars of the Renewal*. As I was reading their post, there was a phrase they emphasized that really captured my heart and gave me a deeper understanding of the Lord's goodness and mercy. The phrase was, "Misery attracts Mercy." To this day, I am still in awe of the truth and power of those words. The misery of our sinfulness, selfishness, weaknesses and brokenness is a reality that needs to be acknowledged if we are to have any hope of salvation. When we really look into ourselves, we will soon realize just how sinful, selfish, weak and broken we actually are. Because of this, we can be tempted to give into despair or to even disqualify ourselves from God's love since we may deem ourselves unlovable. But this couldn't be further from the truth! It is precisely because of our misery that the Lord is so attracted to us! A certain saint once said, "God does not love us in spite of our weaknesses, He loves us because of our weaknesses." St. Paul makes it abundantly clear of the radical and profound love that God has for each of us as he writes, "God proved His love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). To see Jesus on the cross is to see the God who loved you at your worst. On the cross, Jesus Christ reveals to the whole world that God's mercy and love is greater than any sin! Jesus said to St. Faustina, "I am Love and Mercy itself. There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted - it increases. The soul that trusts in My mercy is most fortunate, because I Myself take care of it." (Saint Faustina's Diary, #1273). And so, while our misery is deeper than we would like to admit, it is nowhere the deepest part of us. The deepest part of who we are is our identity as beloved sons and daughters of the Father. To this day, Pope St. John Paul II still speaks to the hearts of those longing to know who they truly are, exclaiming, "We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures, we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of His Son Jesus."



**Philip Pierangeli**  
**Social Ministry**

A few great ways to really experience and receive God's infinite mercy is by going to the Sacrament of Confession, praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and praying the Litany of Trust. All three ways are excellent means of receiving God's mercy and obtaining greater trust in God's mercy.

And for those of you who are homebound and physically cannot come to church, we want to be able bring confession to you and to make sure that God's mercy is available for you as well! Whether you yourself are homebound or if any of you have a friend or a loved one who is homebound, if you would like a priest to come to where you are or to where your loved one is so that you or your loved one can have your confession heard, please feel free to email me at [ppierangeli@saintandrewmidmon.org](mailto:ppierangeli@saintandrewmidmon.org) with your name, phone number and address and I can connect you or your loved one with a priest. God bless you and have a joyful and blessed Divine Mercy Sunday!

## Litany of Trust

*From the belief that I have to earn your love - Deliver me, Jesus. From the fear that I am unlovable - Deliver me, Jesus. From the false security that I have what it takes - Deliver me, Jesus. From the fear that trusting you will leave me more destitute - Deliver me, Jesus. From all suspicion of Your words and promises - Deliver me, Jesus. From the rebellion against childlike dependency on you - Deliver me, Jesus. From refusals and reluctances in accepting your will - Deliver me, Jesus. From anxiety about the future - Deliver me, Jesus. From resentment or excessive preoccupation with the past - Deliver me, Jesus. From restless self-seeking in the present moment - Deliver me, Jesus. From disbelief in your love and presence - Deliver me, Jesus. From the fear of being asked to give more than I have - Deliver me, Jesus. From the belief that my life has no meaning or worth - Deliver me, Jesus. From the fear of what love demands - Deliver me, Jesus. From discouragement - Deliver me, Jesus. That you are continually holding me, sustaining me, loving me - Jesus, I trust in you. That your love goes deeper than my sins and failings and transforms me - Jesus, I trust in you. That not knowing what tomorrow brings is an invitation to lean on you - Jesus, I trust in you. That you are with me in my suffering - Jesus, I trust in you. That my suffering, united to your own, will bear fruit in this life and the next - Jesus, I trust in you. That you will not leave me orphan, that you are present in your Church - Jesus, I trust in You. That your plan is better than anything else - Jesus, I trust in you. That you always hear me and in your goodness always respond to me - Jesus, I trust in you. That you give me the grace to accept forgiveness and to forgive others - Jesus, I trust in you. That you give me all the strength I need for what is asked - Jesus, I trust in you. That my life is a gift - Jesus, I trust in you. That you will teach me to trust You - Jesus, I trust in you. That you are my Lord and my God - Jesus, I trust in you. That I am your beloved one - Jesus, I trust in you.*

# Fish Fry Appreciation Dinner



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Thursday, April 30th at 6pm  
Saint Spyridon Hellenic Center

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# Bible Study

We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month in the Knights of Columbus Hall in Charleroi at 6PM.

We will be discussing the New Testament Letters.

The next meeting is Wednesday, April 22nd.

Knights of Columbus #956

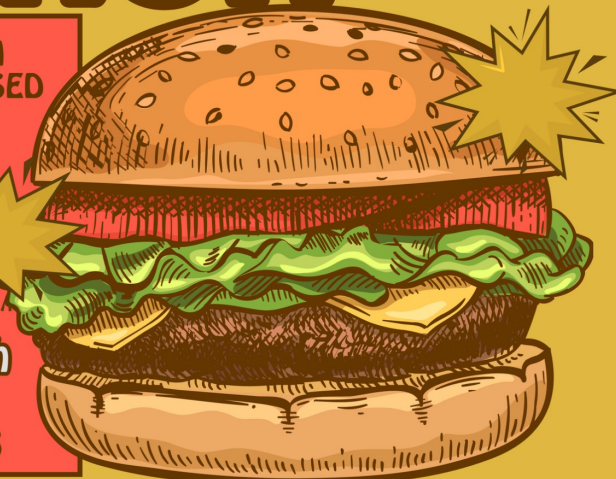


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 Tentative Dates: June 12 – August 12

 Days & Time: Wednesdays & Fridays | 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

 Start Location: Marian Hall ➔ Activities continue at the Formation Center

 Who Can Attend: Ages 5–12

## ★ What to Expect

- Morning Prayer & Breakfast
- Faith-Based Activities & Bible Time
- Art, Music & Theater
- Games, Journaling & Creative Play
- Visits to the Church
- Outdoor Fun (Donora Field Days!)
- Possible Monthly Field Trips

 Meals Provided through Nutrition Inc.

## Special Program Highlights

- ★ Director: Christine Rosick 
- ★ Curriculum Writer: Kathy Miller
- ★ Teacher & Art: Brian Nicholson 
- ★ Music & Theater: Patty Baker
- ★ Faith & Bible: Philip 

## Get Involved!

- ★ Youth Volunteers (Ages 13–17)  
Earn Community Service Hours
- ★ Adult Volunteers (18+)  
Clearances Required

## Registration Info:

Sign-ups Coming Soon!

 Questions?  
Contact Christine Rosick  
412-848-2918

Come grow in faith, build friendships, & make unforgettable summer memories!

# Divine MERCY



*Come immerse yourself in the Lord's unfathomable mercy with your parish family*

**Sunday, April 12  
3:00 PM in Monongahela**

The event includes exposition, adoration, singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, veneration of the Divine Mercy image, and benediction.



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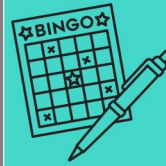
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**Sunday, April 19 | 12:30pm | Madonna School Cafeteria**

*Lunch will be provided.*

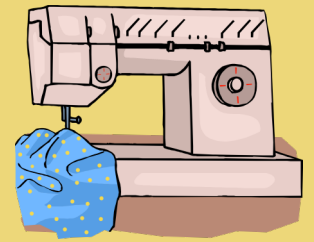
For proper head count for food, please RSVP by calling the church offices at 724-258-7794.

# WORKS OF MERCY



## DIGNITY ROBES GROUP

Meets the 3rd Friday of every month in St. Andrew's sewing room in Donora from 9:00 a.m. until noon. We are in need of more people to join us for this wonderful project to sew, cut, iron, etc... Come join us!



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WASHINGTON AREA HUMANE SOCIETY



There are two Food Banks offered through Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish. On the second Tuesday of every month, we partner with the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank (Charleroi site only), from 9:30am - 11am. And on the second Wednesday of every month, we have our parish Food Bank, Diaper Bank and Pet Food Bank pick up at all 3 church locations from 10am - 11:30. Volunteers are always needed! Please contact Chris Janney at 267-990-4479.



# Catholic in Recovery



## WEDNESDAYS @ 8:00 p.m.

12-STEP RECOVERY

**Catholic in Recovery** provides healing from addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Family members impacted by a loved one's addiction are also encouraged to attend.

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Knights of Columbus Council 956 is located in Charleroi They meet the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:30pm in the Charleroi Knights of Columbus Room. Please contact Dave DeRienzo at 724-323-6695.



Knights of Columbus Council 194 is located in Donora. They meet the third Tuesday of the month in the Donora Knights of Columbus Hall. Please call Lou Lubecki at 724-379-5059.

# FAMILY CONNECTION

Many of us can relate to Thomas in the Gospel. Like him, we sometimes want to see for ourselves before we believe. Yet faith often grows by trusting the witness and experiences of others.

As your family gathers, take a few moments to talk about the phrase, *“Seeing is believing.”*

- What are some things we believe because we can see them?
- Are there things we believe even though we cannot see them?

Explain that today’s Gospel reminds us that faith sometimes asks us to trust in what we cannot see with our eyes.

Read together **John 20:19-31**, the story of Thomas. After reading, reflect as a family:

- Why might Thomas have had doubts?
- How does Jesus respond to him?
- What do you notice about Jesus’ patience and understanding?

Jesus gives Thomas the proof he needs, but He also reminds us that there is a special blessing for those who believe without seeing. We are among those people. Talk together about what helps each member of your family believe in Jesus. This might include:

- the stories of the first disciples
- what we read in the Gospels
- the guidance of the Holy Spirit
- the support of our Church community



**Kathy Miller**  
Director of Faith Formation

## Faith Formation

April 12 - In person Class

April 19 - In person Class

April 26 - Last In person Class

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# COME HOLY SPIRIT

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## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

The Life in the Spirit Seminar introduces people to a fuller experience of life in the Spirit by exploring the intimate relationship between “baptism in the Holy Spirit” and the sacraments of baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The seminar invites and prepares us to experience a fuller release of the Holy Spirit and His spiritual gifts in a personal Pentecost.

Each session will include powerful presentations, small group discussions, and prayer for a deeper release of the Holy Spirit’s presence in our lives.

**7:00 – 8:30 PM | Formation Center, Charleroi**

Thursday, April 16: God’s Love

Thursday, April 23: Salvation & New Life

Thursday, May 7\*: Receiving God’s Gifts & The Holy Spirit

Thursday, May 14: Baptism in Spirit

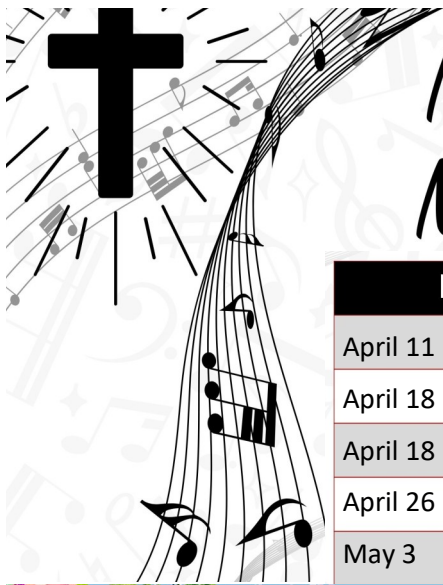
Thursday, May 21: Growth & Transformation

Please consider joining us!  
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*\*We’re skipping April 30th*





# Music Ministry Mass Schedule

Music Ministry Schedule		
April 11	Children's Choir	4pm Donora
April 18	Parish Choir	4pm Donora
April 18	Laudate	5:30pm Charleroi
April 26	Parish Choir	11:30am Mon City
May 3	Children's Choir	1:00pm Donora



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## Ascension of our Lord

Thursday, May 14th

### Mass Schedule

Wednesday, May 13 — Vigil

7pm — Monongahela

Thursday, May 14

8:30am — Donora

12pm — Charleroi

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### Women of Wonder (WOW) Meeting

At the heart of our mission is a profound belief that wonder—a *compassionate curiosity and awe*—is an essential aspect of our faith journey, inspired by Jesus' own relationships & interactions. So together we accompany other women in their journeys toward spiritual wholeness through sacred curiosity, care, and contemplative prayer. WOW meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7pm in the Formation Center. Our current study is entitled 'Full Of Grace, Women and the Abundant Life'. New members please notify Kate at 443-799-0325 for details.



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