

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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Divine Mercy Sunday

THROUGH PRIVATE REVELATION TO ST. FAUSTINA, JESUS REVEALED:

“ I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy (1109). The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (699). ”

- Diary of St. Maria Faustyna Kowalska -

DIVINE MERCY IS FOR YOU

*Most Merciful Jesus, Your mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we pray that You will pour out Your Mercy upon us and on the whole world. Fill us with the grace You won through Your Paschal Mystery so that all people will come to believe in You as their Lord and God. **Jesus, we trust in You!***

Newcomers & Visitors: Welcome to “The Church on the Hill”!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. May you be blessed with hope, joy, love, and peace while here! Should you want to join our parish family please contact a Minister of Hospitality, Priest, or call the Rectory for a Registration Form. **Again, Welcome!**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-4:00 pm
 (Lunch Hour 12:30-1:30 pm)
OFFICE CLOSED: FRIDAY & SATURDAY

**MASSES ARE LIVE STREAMED ON THE
 OLPH WEBSITE**
Sunday 10:00 am Monday-Thursday 8:00 am
Saturday 4:30 pm Mass not Live Streamed

**Mass Intentions may not be made on
 Solemnities, Fridays, Saturdays nor Sundays.**
Mass Stipend Donation is \$10.00

**Contact Doris Savoy in the Rectory, Ext. 2,
 or email dsavoy0642@aol.com.**

SUNDAY DONUTS
**Sunday fellowship with donuts and coffee
 will be held on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays ONLY.**
**Organizations and/or Ministries, PLEASE
 contact Millicent Hawkins to advise when you
 will be able to assist on the 3rd Sundays.**



Memorials are noted by + indicates deceased
 BD means Birthday AD means Anniversary of death

Sunday (12th)

10:00 am For the People

Monday (13th)

8:00 am The Cooke Family
By Carolyn Wheeler

Tuesday (14th)

8:00 am Juan Stevens
By Sahon Palmer

Wednesday (15th)

8:00 am The Wheeler Family
By Carolyn Wheeler

Thursday (16th)

8:00 pm +AD Calvin Fitzgerald
By Bernice Fitzgerald Waller

Quote for the Week
 Prevention is always better than having
 to make repairs after the fact.



Tuesday Night Virtual Bible Study
with Deacon Ira Chase at 6:30 pm
Studying Matthew
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86481398261?pwd=OHNBc2ZGdXh6WEtZchVhS1pDZHg5UT09>
Meeting ID: 864 813 98261 Passcode: 509931

**Wednesday Night Live Stream Bible Study with
 Father Cornelius at 6:00 pm**
Studying Zechariah



Third Sunday of Easter -- April 19, 2026
First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33
Responsorial Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-11
Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21
Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35



Collections Last Weekend \$11,060.00
Envelopes \$6,910.00 On-Line \$4150.00
**Thanks to all OLPH parishioners for sending in your
 tithes and offerings. Please Note the amount recorded
 here is from envelopes marked
 "My Sacrificial Gift" only.**

Special envelopes are **not tithes**. The amount you put
 into those envelopes is recorded and provided to you in
 your Annual Contribution Statements.

FYI: If you send in envelopes for several months at a
 time, please note we **cannot back date your tithes**.
 They can only be recorded on the **actual date** you
 submit them.

FRIENDLY REMINDER: Please **USE ONLY BLACK
 or BLUE BALLPOINT pens** when you write your
 checks to OLPH.

Pope Leo's Monthly Intention (April)
For Priests In Crisis
 Let us pray for priests going through moments of
 crisis in their vocation, that they may find the
 accompaniment they need and that communities
 may support them with understanding and prayer.

Church Announcements

Sunday, April 12th:

8:45 am OCIA and Sunday School

10:00 am Mass

Monday, April 13th:

Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr Pope

St. Martin I, through your intercession before the Father in Heaven, fortify all teachers and leaders of the Church to remain steadfast in the truth, to advocate for the truth, and to suffer for the truth, no matter the personal cost.

Thursday, April 16th:

10:30 am LOC Food Pantry

Saturday, April 18th:

4:30 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 19th:

10:00 am Mass

Did You Know? Easter Is Not Over!!

Easter isn't just a single Sunday on the calendar—it's the beginning of a season and a way of life. The resurrection of Jesus is not a moment to be celebrated and then set aside; it's an ongoing reality that shapes how we live, hope, and love every day.

The joy of Easter calls us to carry its light into our daily routines—into our conversations, our choices, and our relationships. It's a reminder that renewal is possible, that life triumphs over death, and that hope is stronger than despair.

In this sense, Easter is never "over." It continues in every act of kindness, every step toward reconciliation, and every moment we choose faith over fear. The empty tomb is not the end of the story—it's the start of a new chapter.

Do You Believe?

PRAYER REQUEST WE ARE HERE TO PRAY FOR YOU

Clement Akoto, Evelyn Akoto, Lisa Alexander, Janice Alston, Valarie Ashley, Frances Battle, Barbara Baylor, Charlotte Blount-Lewis, Alfreda Bogans, John X. Briscoe, Sr., Michelle Brookings-Cheek, Thomas Henry Brooks, Hilda Brown, Selena Brown, Millicent Brown-Howard, Ronald Burton, Demarquis Carter, Dorita Carter, Louis Carter, Terneara Carter, Deacon Ira Chase, Judy Chase, William Clemons, Alberta Colbert, Margo Cooke, Roberta Dade-Young, Judith Dean, Sterling Dolman, Anne Donelson, Alvin Durham, Beverly Ford, Salim Franklin, Betty Franklin-Swammy, Toni Gaines, LaShawn Gaines, Sy Gaines, Eva Galloway, Bradley Gant, Dexter Goodwyn, Betty Graham, Shelia Gray, David Malcolm Greene, David Gross, Kathy Gross, Carlene Hawkins, Larry Holloway, Sr., Michael Howard, Lela Hagan, John Hawkins, Sr., Ken Houston, Crystal Jackson, Maxine Jackson, Crystal Jeffrie, Audrey Johnson, Herman Johnson, Deacon Thomas Jones, Louis Jones, Stanley (Sonny) Jordan, James King, Jessica King, Dianna Ledbetter, Crystal Marsh, Jeffrey Marshall, Shirel Marshall, Helene Matthews, Ngoki Masembwa, John Mason, Joseph Mason, Winifred Mason, Justine Middleton, Danielle Mitchell, Henrietta Moody, Maurice Moody, Yvonne Moody, Gloria V. Moore, Milton Morgan, Travia Neverdon-Stone, Teresa Naylor, Warren Newton, Marcia Marlene Oliver, Terrance Oxyner, Bettina Penny, Diane Penny, Lawrence (Lonnie) Penny, Pam Penny, Theresa Penny, Tina Penny, Yvonne Peterson, Deidre Dorsey Point, Katalina Quander-Masembwa, Bishop John H. Ricard, SSJ, Brenda Robinson, Robert Ronald Robinson, Demetria Savoy, Julia Melva Scott, Madeline Scott, Bernadette Smith, Clementine Smith-Easley, Delores (Polly) Smith, Vivian Staples, Donna Stewart-Moore, Patricia Stewart-Brown, Michelle Stone, Kendra Tinsley, Joseph Thomas, Rose Thurston, Debra Tidwell-Peters, Carolyn Wheeler, Juanita White, Nicky Wilkinson, Christal Williams, Gloria Williams, Brian Yeldell and Raymond Young



HOMEBOUND, **HOSPITAL, or *NURSING/REHAB

*Robert Barden, **Baby Christopher Anselm Brandmeier, Carolyn Brown, Carla Coleman, Agnes Dua, Edward Glover, Regina Proctor Godfrey, *Cordella Gough, Rakyah Gross, Baby Ka'mazi Gross, **Agnes Maxine Hart, William Jackson, Jr., TJ Johnson, Deborah Ogarro Kelly, *Betty Lawson, *Edith Lee, Marie Lucas, **Carolyn Matthews-Alston, David McNeill, Gloria Ann Moore, Rose Quander-Neverdon, Antoinette Reese, *Cynthia Salter-Stith, **Demetria Savoy, *Amy Scroggins, George Shearard, Sudie Shelton, Augustine Thomas, New-Velvet Washington, and Kobe Williams

HAPPY Birthday

- 11th Diane Whitlow
- 15th Dominique Mason
- 18th Tahj Cobb
- 19th Thomas Washington, Sr.
- 20th Angela Banks-Bethea Bobby Greene
- 22nd Selena Brown
- 23rd Deidre Hawkins

Happy Anniversary

- Michael & Diane Turner 11th on April 11th
- Lawrence & Veronica Palmer 31st on April 23rd

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In Your Prayers Remember the Souls of

Charles Joseph Tilghman (DOD 3/28/26)
 Brother of Deacon Timothy Tilghman
 Funeral Services will be held here April 30th.
 No other details at this time.

Regina Celestine Godfrey (DOD 3/30/26)
 Sister of Charita Proctor
 Arrangements made in Ohio

On Thursday, April 16th a public viewing will be held at Calhoun Funeral Home 4:00-8:00 pm.
 On Friday, April 17th at St. Dominic Catholic Church a viewing will be held at 10:30 am and Funeral Service at 11 am
 Repast immediately follows service.
 Inurnment of Regina’s ashes and a Memorial Service will occur at Fort Lincoln Cemetery Chapel here in Washington, DC, date to be determined.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace!

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Pastor's Corner

The Inexhaustible Depths of Divine Mercy

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. John 20:30-31

Today is the eighth day of Easter. The Church, in Her wisdom, celebrates the most important days of the liturgical year for eight days. Historically, there were a number of feasts celebrated with octaves: Easter, Epiphany, Corpus Christi, Ascension, All Saints, and in some locales, the Sacred Heart and various Marian feasts. After Vatican II, the Church focused on two—Christmas and Easter—so as to give greater emphasis to the core of the Paschal Mystery.

In the year 2000, the Octave of Easter took on a new focus when Pope John Paul II instituted the Solemnity of Divine Mercy on the eighth day of Easter. This was done in response to Jesus’ personal request, communicated to the Church through a humble cloistered Polish nun. Canonized in 2000, she is known as Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska.

When we reflect on this beautiful private revelation in the light of today’s Gospel, we are invited to consider that even though the Gospels present us with all we need to know in order to come to faith in Christ and share in the new life He bestows, the treasure of His Divine Mercy is inexhaustible. Just as “Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book,” so also the depths of His ongoing work, His Divine Mercy, will only be seen in Heaven.

Divine Mercy Sunday is a day on which we are to profess our belief in this Mercy. To do so, we must ponder these inexhaustible treasures, probe their depths with the aid of Saint Faustina’s private revelations, and then allow our Lord to reveal them to us within the depths of our souls.

Reflect today on the infinite and inexhaustible treasures found in the Person of Christ and His Divine Mercy. His Mercy draws us into countless unrecorded and glorious graces that we are called to receive and rejoice in. Believe in His Mercy. Be open to it. Call upon it today, and receive it more abundantly.