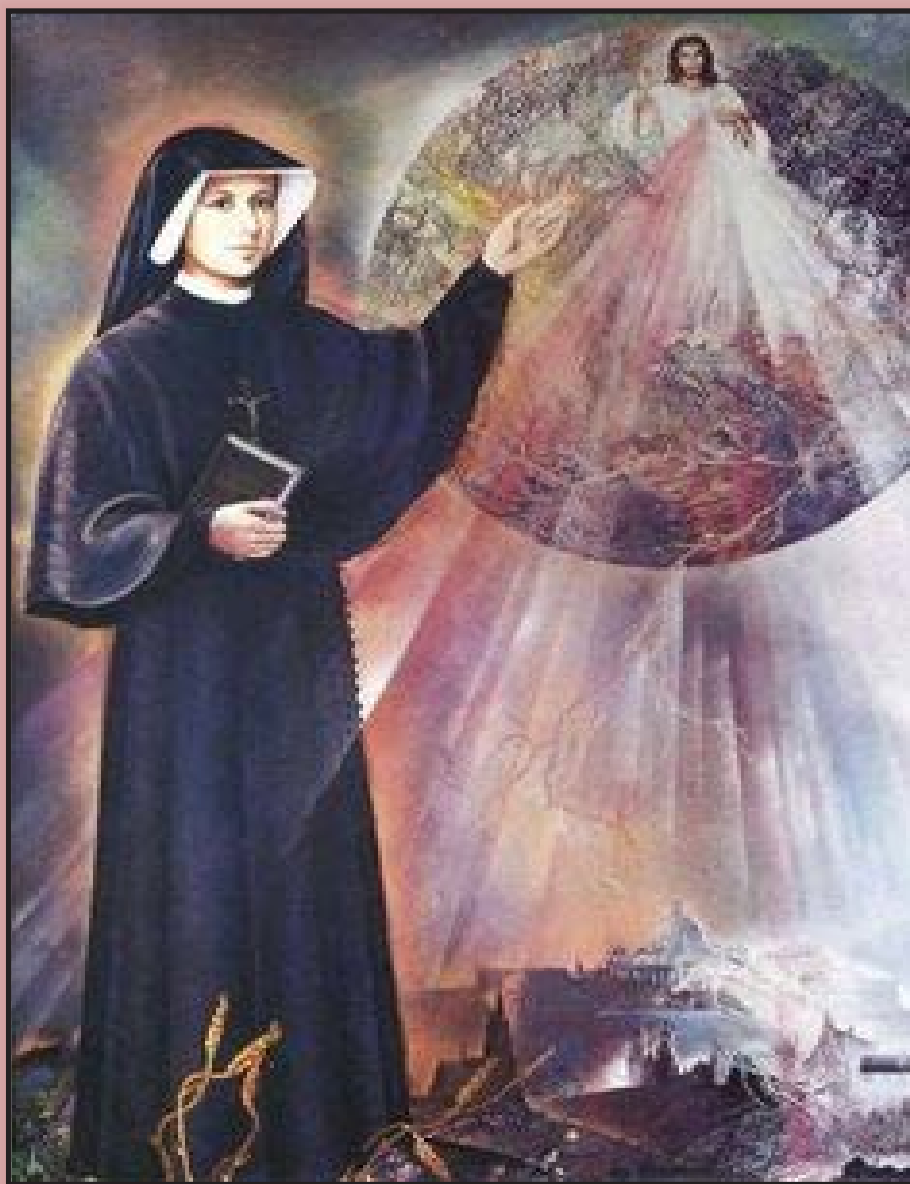

**SAINT
JOSEPH**

**Mater
Dolorosa**

**Saint
Wendelin**

Roman Catholic Parishes of Northeastern Butler County



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438
N. Oakland
Chicora
Carbon Center

St. Joseph Parish

Located at 864 Chicora Rd.

Chicora, PA 16025

724-445-3713

Fax: 724-607-1183

Temporary Office Hours:

Monday & Tuesday, 9:30am-Noon

Mater Dolorosa Parish

Located at 409 North Main St.

Chicora, PA 16025

724-445-2275

Temporary Office Hours

at St. Joe Rectory:

Monday & Tuesday, 9:30am-Noon

St. Wendelin Parish

Located at 210 St. Wendelin Rd.

Butler, PA 16002

724-287-0820

www.stwendelinbutler.com

Temporary Office Hours:

Monday, 9:00am-Noon

April 19, 2020

Sunday of Divine Mercy

About Divine Mercy Sunday...



St. Faustina: 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.

St. John Paul II explains: *"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, 2005 ~

St. Faustina's Diary: Her diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed, for example: "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" (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" (Diary, no. 742).

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 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). (Instructions for its recitation are provided on a separate page.)

The Divine Mercy Novena: 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.

<http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/prayers/divine-mercy-sunday/cfm>



Sympathy is extended to the families of

Richard G. "Shoe" Shoemaker

who was laid to rest on April 6, 2020
at St. Joseph Cemetery
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace.

The Reverend William J. Ritzert "Father Bill"

who was laid to rest on April 7, 2020
at St. Joseph Cemetery
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace.

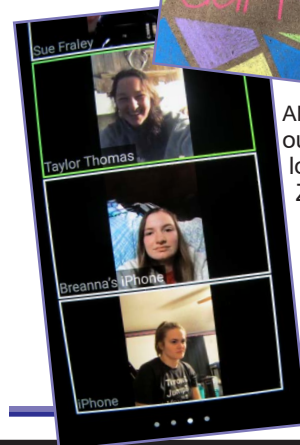
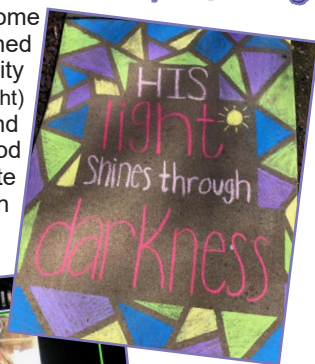
Donald E. "Don" Sherwin

who passed away on April 14, 2020
from Mater Dolorosa Parish
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace.

Memorial Masses to be scheduled.

Our Youth are keeping busy

"Stuck" at home
has spawned
much creativity
as (to the right)
Maura and
Megan Penrod
celebrate
Easter with
inspiring
artwork.



AND ... (to the left)
our Youth Group
logged on to a
Zoom meeting
one evening
last week.
Discussion
included when
and what can
be the group's
next event.

WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH OFFERTORY AND PARISH SHARE?

You can mail Weekly and Special Offertory and Parish Share to your Parish:

*God grant me the serenity to accept
the things I cannot change...*

St. Joseph - 864 Chicora Road, Chicora, PA 16025
Mater Dolorosa - PO Box 243, Chicora, PA 16025
St. Wendelin - 210 St. Wendelin Rd., Butler, PA 16002

OR - SWP - this is a great time to sign up for online offertory at: <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4149>

OR - NEW FOR ST. JOSEPH AND MATER DOLOROSA
online offertory now available - link at <https://www.stwendelinbutler.com/>

OR - ALL Parishioners (not just SW) can leave envelopes in the SW Rectory drop slot.
This is the door facing the church if you walk down the long narrow walkway next to the church.



Parish Offertories

March 29, April 5,
April 12

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Offertory at Mass 4/12\$230.00
Offertory Online\$25.00
Total Offertory\$255.00
Weekly Goal\$1,000.00
Fiscal Year Goal\$50,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal.....\$30,060.50
Parish Share: Monthly Envelope on Appeal\$475.00
PSP Online.....\$00.00
2020 Parish Share Goal.....\$6,289.00
Total PSP Received 2020/21.....\$5,600.00
Easter\$50.00

Offertory at Mass 4/5.....\$180.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal.....\$30,060.00
Parish Share: Monthly Envelope on Appeal ...\$2,150.00
Total PSP Received 2020/21.....\$5,600.00
Campaign for Human Development.....\$15.00
Easter\$10.00
Holy Land - Good Friday\$10.00

Offertory at Mass 3/29\$350.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal.....\$30,060.00
Parish Share: Monthly Envelope on Appeal\$810.00
Total PSP Received 2020/21.....\$5,600.00
Campaign for Human Development.....\$150.00

**Thank you for your generosity
to Parish Ministries!**

MATER DOLOROSA

Offertory at Mass 4/12\$880.00
Offertory Online\$45.00
Total Offertory\$925.00
Weekly Goal\$2,500.00
Fiscal Year Goal\$150,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal.....\$96,133.50
Parish Share: Monthly Envelope on Appeal ...\$1,555.00
PSP Online.....\$15.00
Total Parish Share.....\$1,570.00
2020 Parish Share Goal.....\$20,985.00
Total Received 2020/21\$7,460.00
Easter\$170.00
Holy Land - Good Friday\$10.00
Holy Land - Good Friday Online\$10.00

Offertory at Mass 4/5\$1,255.00
House\$60.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal.....\$96,133.50
Parish Share: Monthly Envelope on Appeal ...\$1,435.00
Total PSP Received 2020/21\$7,460.00
Easter\$60.00
Holy Land - Good Friday\$30.00

Offertory at Mass 3/29\$345.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal.....\$96,133.50
Parish Share: Monthly Envelope on Appeal\$975.00
Total PSP Received 2020/21\$7,460.00
Campaign for Human Development.....\$20.00

ST. WENDELIN PARISH

Offertory at Mass 4/12\$1,570.00
Offertory Online\$581.00
Total Offertory\$2,151.00
Weekly Goal\$5,139.00
Fiscal Year Goal.....\$272,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal\$168,239.78
Project Fund\$25.00
Project Fund Online.....\$5.00
Adopt A Child.....\$60.00
Adopt A Child Online\$30.00
Parish Share.....\$610.00
Parish Online\$20.00
Total Parish Share\$630.00
2020 Parish Share Goal.....\$47,710.00
Total PSP Received 2020/21\$8,853.00
Endowment Fund Y-T-D\$470.00
Holy Land - Good Friday\$225.00
Holy Land - Good Friday Online\$40.00
Easter\$1,311.00
Campaign for Human Development.....\$15.00

Offertory at Mass 4/5\$2,980.00
Offertory Online\$836.00
Total Offertory\$3,816.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal\$166,088.78
Project Fund\$60.00
Adopt A Child.....\$62.00
Parish Share.....\$1,141.00
Parish Online\$510.00
Total Parish Share\$1,651.00
Total PSP Received 2020/21\$8,223.00
Holy Land - Good Friday\$99.00
Easter\$427.00
Campaign for Human Development.....\$90.00

Offertory at Mass 3/29\$1,440.00
Offertory Online\$450.00
Total Offertory\$1,890.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal\$162,272.78
Project Fund\$62.00
Project Fund Online.....\$20.00
Adopt A Child.....\$2.00
Adopt A Child Online\$30.00
Parish Share.....\$1,202.00
Parish Online\$00.00
Total Parish Share\$1,202.00
Total PSP Received 2020/21\$6,572.00
Ascension\$10.00
Holy Land - Good Friday\$10.00
Easter\$45.00
Campaign for Human Development.....\$37.00
Catholic Relief Services.....\$5.00

STAY CONNECTED ONLINE

<https://www.stwendelinbutler.com/>

This SWP website lists information for all three Parishes, and will have the most recent bulletin. You can access Fr. Matt celebrating Mass and see Fr. Lou's informative, inspirational YouTube postings. **Also, the link for online giving for St. Joseph and Mater Dolorosa can be accessed through this website.**

<https://diopitt.org/>

This is Diocese of Pittsburgh website. It links for live stream daily Masses, news releases from Bishop Zubik, and spiritual resources.

<https://formed.org/>

FORMED is the Catholic faith on demand! This international website has the most comprehensive library of screenings available, including daily and Sunday Masses, a Saints series, documentaries, a kids section, and a huge selection of viewings about our Blessed Mother. It's ultra easy to set up an account through your email - and it's free.

Grouping Information

This week's St. Wendelin School
Student of the Week is:

GINO PASCAZI

*Gino is in eighth grade,
and has attended
St. Wendelin School
since preschool.*

*He has an older sister,
Maria, who also attended
St. Wendelin. His favorite
subject is spelling.*

*At school, he participates
in golf club and
is a member of the
Iron Man Football Team.*

*Outside of school, Gino
loves to play sports and
hang out with his friends.*

*Congratulations to
this week's*

*St. Wendelin School
Student of the Week,*

GINO PASCAZI

Catholic Identity Program

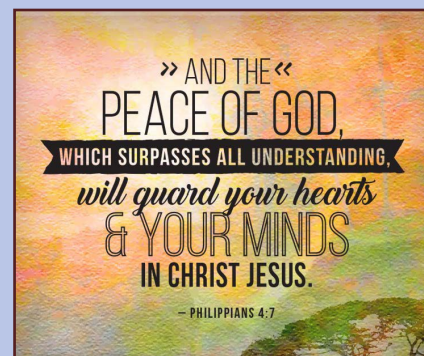
This program highlights a variety of virtues and values through short lessons, prayers, Scripture references, and more.

This week's Virtue is:

Peace

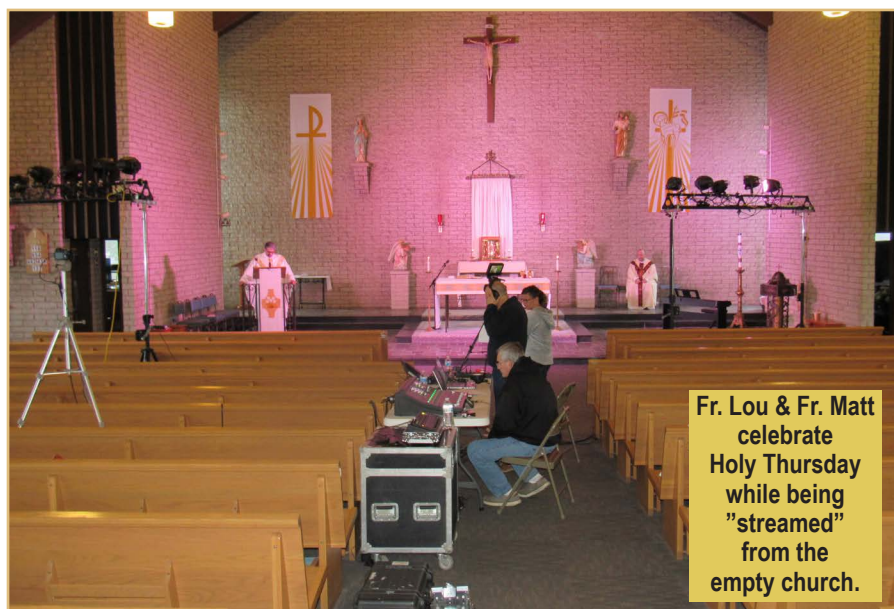
Peace is a state of harmony that results from justice.

It is love in action, offering the freedom that comes from trusting God and respecting all people.



Reflection: **Philippians 4:6-8**

- 6** Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.
- 7** Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- 8** Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.



Fr. Lou & Fr. Matt
celebrate
Holy Thursday
while being
"streamed"
from the
empty church.



**APRIL 20
THRU
APRIL 26**

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