

EASTER TIME
WE REMEMBER, WE CELEBRATE, WE BELIEVE



EASTER PRAYER
THE SIGN OF THE EASTER CROSS

Make the sign of the cross. As you do, know that this desire to pray is God's gift. You are praying.

- Touch your forehead...
Remember God's blessings in your life. Say, "Thank You" which is the perfect prayer.
- Touch your heart...
Celebrate God's presence in you. Smile.
- Touch your left and right shoulders...
Believe that you were created to receive and give love.

What love and service are you giving next?

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion



Jesus I Trust in You

In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that devotions to Divine Mercy could be celebrated from that year forward on the Second Sunday of Easter. This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kawalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God. St. Faustina (1905–1938) was born and raised in Poland. Following a vocation to religious life, she was accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. As a member of the Congregation, she worked as a cook, gardener, and porter. In her spiritual life, her contemplation on the Mercy of God led her to develop a childlike trust in God and deep love for her neighbor.

In her years in the convent, St. Faustina heard a call from God to make God's mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God's healing grace. St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which consists of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the rosary for the sake of Christ's sorrowful passion.

The Chaplet Prayer Instruction

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the Apostles' Creed.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

2. On the Our Father beads, recite the following:

"Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."

3. On the ten Hail Mary beads, say the following:

"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

4. Repeat step two and three for all five decades.

5. Conclude by reciting three times:

"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

When celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, the faithful are called to reflect more personally on the graces won through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In this way their hearts may be more fully aware of the mercy of God for them personally and for the sake of the world.



THE ROSARY

The Rosary is a Scripture-based prayer. It begins with the *Apostles' Creed*, which summarizes the great mysteries of the Catholic faith. The *Our Father*, which introduces each mystery, is from the Gospels. The first part of the *Hail Mary* is the angel's words announcing Christ's birth and Elizabeth's greeting to Mary. St. Pius V officially added the second part of the *Hail Mary*. The Mysteries of the Rosary center on the events of Christ's life. There are four sets of Mysteries: Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and—added by Pope John Paul II in 2002—the Luminous.

The repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery. The gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells. The Rosary can be said privately or with a group.

The **Five Joyful Mysteries** are traditionally prayed on Mondays, Saturdays, and, during the season of Advent, on Sundays:

The Annunciation The Presentation in the Temple
The Visitation The Finding in the Temple
The Nativity

The **Five Sorrowful Mysteries** are traditionally prayed on Tuesdays, Fridays, and, during the season of Lent, on Sundays:

The Agony in the Garden The Carrying of the Cross
The Scourging at the Pillar The Crucifixion & Death
The Crowning with Thorns

The **Five Glorious Mysteries** are traditionally prayed on Wednesdays and, outside the seasons of Advent and Lent, on Sundays:

The Resurrection The Assumption
The Ascension The Coronation of Mary
The Descent of the Holy Spirit

The **Five Luminous Mysteries** are traditionally prayed on Thursdays:

The Baptism of Christ in the Jordan
The Wedding Feast at Cana
The Transfiguration
The Institution of the Eucharist
Jesus' Proclamation of the Coming of the Kingdom of God

PRAYING THE ROSARY

1. Make the Sign of the Cross.
2. Holding the Crucifix, say the *Apostles' Creed*.
3. On the first bead, say an *Our Father*.
4. Say one *Hail Mary* on each of the next three beads.
5. Say the *Glory Be*
6. For each of the five decades, announce the Mystery (perhaps followed by a brief reading from Scripture) then say the *Our Father*.

7. While fingering each of the ten beads of the decade, next say ten *Hail Marys* while meditating on the Mystery. Then say a *Glory Be*.
8. After saying the five decades, say the *Hail, Holy Queen*, followed by this dialogue and prayer:
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
Let us pray: O God, whose Only Begotten Son, by his life, Death, and Resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise. Amen
9. Close with *The Sign of the Cross*

MEDITATION HOUR

Mother Mary

Please join us for prayer, guided meditation and reflection on Thursday, **May 4th** at 7:00 PM in Marian Hall.



RCIA

WE Remember, WE Celebrate, WE Believe

God bless our newly baptized, *Nicholas Drozjock, Isabella Kovar, Antonia Ofmani Demmers and Kenneth Ortiz* and our Candidates, *Robert Klingler and Hilary Titus* who received sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Our prayer is with them as they continue their journey with the Lord. The next session of the RCIA is this **Monday, April 24th** at 7:00 PM in the Russo Room. Our topic is *Opus Christi*. All are invited.

ST. PHILIP YOUTH MINISTRY

Thursday, May 4 and May 18 - Youth Group from 7-9 PM
Thursday, June 8 - Graduation party for all 12th graders; 6-9 PM

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

COLUMBIETTES

- **Next meeting Thursday, April 27**, at 7:00 PM in Cerullo Hall
- Cereal, can beef and fish, juice boxes and pasta will be collected for the School 12 Food Pantry.

ANNUAL WORKSHOP

- The event will be held on **Saturday, April 29**, in Marian Hall at 9:45 AM.
- Our own passionate Father Julio will be our speaker
- Cost \$5.00 - A light breakfast will be served.
- Call Sharon Festa at 973-742- 0926 or Cathie Murtha at 973-471-1265.
- All are invited

ROSARY SOCIETY

Monday, April 24 is the date for our next Rosary Society meeting. It will begin at 6:30 PM with the Rosary followed by Mass in Marian Hall. All are welcome!

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

"Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted."

- **The Monday Night Widow/Widowers Group:**

A social group for widows and widowers. Next meeting: **April 24th** at 6:30 PM

- **Spouse Bereavement Group:**

A support group for people grieving the death of their spouse. Next meeting: **TUESDAY, April 25th** at 7:00 PM in the **RUSSO ROOM**. For information contact Dr. Rachel Rengifo at 201-248-4335.

- **BEREAVEMENT SEMINAR:**

A Source of Understanding & Hope

- Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel Church-Cedar Knolls, NJ
- **Thursday, May 4th** at 7PM; Room 103
- Hosted by Deacon Henry deMena, MA
- Contact Notre Dame Parish office at 973-538-1358 ext. 122 or email at hdenena@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

K OF C ANNUAL BEEFSTEAK SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

St. Philip the Apostle Knights of Columbus Council 11671 will hold their annual Msgr. Peter J. Doody Scholarship Beefsteak Dinner on Saturday, **April 29th** in the St. Philip the Apostle Prep School Auditorium from 7- 9 PM. All proceeds from this event go to providing scholarships for St. Philip's Prep School students. Tickets are \$35 each; call Dennis Fitzpatrick at (973) 271-9577. Tickets will be sold after all masses this weekend, **April 22 & 23**.

COLLECTION FOR CITIZENS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

This Knights of Columbus annual collection to help our citizens with special needs will take place this weekend, **April 22 & 23** at all masses.

PRAY FOR

THE SICK: Joan Hughes, Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, Ryan G. Micale, Jayce Mazza, Patsy Sinisi, Barbara Sikora, Margaret Sikora, Steve Kuchta, Sister Beverly Aiazzone, Linda Brady, Gus Perez, Joseph Villano, Marie Nattvo, Jennie Marto, Antoinette Van Setters, Alexander Bancey, Josephine Pipitone, Zigrid Roman, Derrick Medeiros, Maria Ligato, Philip Kutzenko, Susan Russell, Evelyn Wescott, Ana Cabezas, Annette Wanamaker, Daniel Marty, Alan Graf, Jim Lacava, Catherine Jackson, Virginia Mascolo, Christine Carpenter, Robert Wagner, Mildred Nerone, Leonor Calvi, Michael Chiamonte, Stephen Blayney, Rachel Livi, Don Muller, Eugene & Lorraine DeBellis, Sylvia Shami

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: APRIL 29/30, 2017

5:30 PM	Fr. Joe	10:00 AM	Fr. Julio
8:00 AM	Fr. Kevin	12:00 Noon	Fr. Miguel

PARISH GIVING

Total Easter Sunday Collection 2016	\$56,888.00
Holy Thursday Collection	\$ 4,137.00
Good Friday – Holy Land	\$ 3,856.00
Easter April 16, 2017 <i>to Date</i>	
Envelopes	\$46,789.00
Cash	\$ 4,868.00
Online Giving Donations	\$ 4,961.00
Total to Date	\$56,618.00
2 nd Collection: Project Faith	\$ 2,810.00

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017

- 8:00** Helen Veliky; Regina Pellegrino
- 10:00** Ann Albright
Edward Yobs
Thomas McGregor
Catherine McClane
- 12:00** All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017

- 7:00** Alphonse & Jennie Seifert Family
- 9:00** Peter Bartlett

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017

- 7:00** Jerry Cafro
- 9:00** Agnes & Charles W. Hahn

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017

- 7:00** Carolyn Distasio
- 9:00** Fred Anthony

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017

- 7:00** Mary Warren
- 9:00** Rosemarie Caradonna-11th Anniversary

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2017

- 7:00** James Accardi
- 9:00** Salvatore Scafidi – 3rd Anniversary

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017

- 9:00** Steve & Lucille Parillo
- 5:30** Helen Veliky
Bob Dinse
Terry Scancarella

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2017

- 8:00** Silvestri & Laterza Family
Don Calderaro (20th Anniversary)
- 10:00** Al Castrovillari
Joe & Kitty Colca
Mary Pat Trautfetter
Mary Ann Seczawinski
- 12:00** Bill Belott; Ida Pompeo

The Offertory Candle: In Loving Memory of
Thomas Sirvidio
From Marge & Deb