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Sunday of the Divine Mercy

April 7, 2024



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Evening 5:30 PM
Sunday.....8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Broadcast) & 12:00 PM
Monday thru Saturday..... 9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday4:30 PM

HOLY HOUR

Every Friday9:30 to 10:30 AM

For a Communion visit and/or
Anointing of the Sick,
please contact the Parish office.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

In 2000, St. Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina, and made the second Sunday of Easter to be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. St. Faustina was a Polish nun gifted with mystical visions, messages, and revelations from the Risen Jesus. The image of the Divine Mercy of Jesus whose heart shone two rays, one red (representing blood) and the other "pale" (symbolizing water), with the words "Jesus, I trust in you" at the bottom, is as revealed to St. Faustina by Jesus. She wrote in her diary that Jesus told her, "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish." Below are three other important messages: "Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God. All works of my hand are crowned with mercy" (No. 301). "My child, life on earth is a struggle indeed; a great struggle for my kingdom. But fear not, because you are not alone. I am always supporting you, so lean on Me as you struggle, fearing nothing. Take the vessel of trust and draw from the fountain of life – for yourself, but also for other souls, especially such as are distrustful of My goodness" (No. 1488). "When you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul and ennobles it. Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy souls draw grace solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity. The torrents of grace inundate humble souls. The proud remain always in poverty and misery because My grace turns away from them to humble souls" (No. 1602). As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, we reflect on the mercy of Jesus on Thomas. It was an act of mercy that Jesus repeated his appearance in order that Thomas might experience him. It was an act of mercy that Jesus allowed Thomas to touch his



wounds and be healed of his doubt. When Thomas was healed, he became transformed. Thomas, then, made what I consider the greatest confession of faith: "My Lord, and My God." Thomas confessed who Jesus was to him, his Lord, and his God. Thomas invites us to ask ourselves, "Who is Jesus to me?" Not just what is said about Jesus. Thomas teaches us to have personal connection with Jesus. We experience the power of Jesus' divine mercy more when we relate to him personally. We have better opportunities and privileges than Thomas to receive divine mercy. Thomas, only, touched the wounds of Jesus, but we receive Jesus body, blood, soul and divinity. It is important, therefore, that we receive Jesus with faith, trust and reverence, and not to receive him unworthily. St. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, "Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat and drink the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgement on himself." On Divine Mercy Sunday we pray, earnestly, that our trust in Jesus will increase and that by his sorrowful passion we will continue to experience his mercy on us and the whole world; for without him we can do nothing (John 15:5).

Peace,

Fr. Monteleone

DIVINE MERCY



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Join us on

**Sunday, April 7th
at 3 PM**

in the church for Holy Hour
and recitation of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.

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

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life—especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS

The next meeting of the Widow and Widowers will be on Monday, April 8 at 2 PM in the Molloy Center. Anyone who is experiencing a loss of a loved one is most welcome.

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 18 at 9:45 AM in the Molloy Center. All crafters are welcome! You do not need to be a Columbiette to join us.

We will be donating 28 baby blanket and hat sets to St. Mary's Hospital Community Outreach.

A huge thank you to Georgeanna for a generous donation. Yarn, fabric, or monetary donations are greatly appreciated. For information or donations, call Cathie at (973) 471-1265.

PRIMETIMERS

Please join us on Friday, May 3 at 1:30 PM for our Tricky Tray! Stay Tuned for more details.

Atlantic City Trip

Prime Timers are going to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Tuesday, May 21. Bus leaves from St. Philips Drive at 9:30 AM. Price is \$50.

For tickets, please call Sylvia at (973) 742-9286.



ROSARY SOCIETY

Please join us in celebrating the Annunciation on Monday, April 8 at 6:30 PM. Mass begins in Marian Hall with the Rosary to follow.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Rosary Society will be hosting a Spring Social Tea on Sunday, April 21 in Marian Hall. Doors open at 1 PM. Tickets are \$35. To register or for more information, call Elaine Vigilante at (973) 472-9019.

VACATION BIBLE FUN

Mark your calendars:
July 29 - August 2
8:30 AM to Noon



Songs, skits, snacks, games, crafts, logo t-shirt

Registration begins May 25th.

We invite Children in Kindergarten through Fifth grade.

Students want 30 Community Service Hours?

Sign up to be Junior Leaders.

Don't miss out on the fun!

PARISH TRIP

On Tuesday, May 21, the Parish is offering a trip to Sight and Sound Theater in Ronks, PA to see

Daniel

\$175 Per Person, includes Ticket, Lunch and Transportation.

The Bus will depart from the St. Philip Lower Lot at 7 AM sharp.

For More information, and to reserve your seat, please contact the Parish Office at (973) 779-6200 or Raquel Nael-Marrero at (973) 563-6924 or Virginia Sipin at (973) 760-8484.

See flyer.

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For Young Men High School Age

Join priests and seminarians for a night of sports, games, fellowship and more:

- Basketball, soccer, and board games
- Time for prayer and teaching of the Catholic Faith
- Light snacks and refreshments
- Help discern your call in life

MEETS MONTHLY

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FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024
FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024
FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024

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SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024
9:00 AM TO 3:30 PM
Meeting point: St. Francis de Sales Parish
414 Route 517, Vernon, NJ

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KIDS KORNER

< KID'S KORNER >

Gospel Today
2nd Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy | John 20:19-31

That evening, when Jesus appeared to the disciples for the first time since His Resurrection, they were in a room with the door locked. When Jesus offered them peace and the Holy Spirit, their fears were relieved. The following week Jesus appeared again, this time making Thomas a believer.

Year B

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

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| Jesus | Touching |
| Appeared | Wounds |
| Locked | Peace |
| Room | Father |
| Offered | Receive |
| Disciples | Holy |
| Believed | Spirit |
| Doubting | Sins |
| Thomas | Forgiven |
| Needed | |

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Jesus gave Sister Marie Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938) a simple ABC message to write down

Ask for His Mercy, Be Merciful, Completely Trust in Jesus

Do you sometimes feel like a "doubting Thomas"? Think of this simple ABC message God has given us to strengthen your faith.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

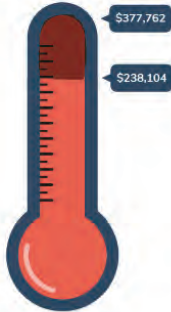
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There are different kinds of gifts, but the same spirit distributes them. — 1 Corinthians 12:4

To all those who have pledged, contributed to, and continue to offer prayers for our "Having a Place at the Banquet of the Lord" capital campaign, a heartfelt thank you. Your kindness and generosity toward this project have gotten us off to a great start. This work could not be done without you!

To date we have raised \$238,104 in contributions collected and we are up to \$377,762 with all our pledges.

GOAL: \$300,000



PARISH GIVING

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY THIS EASTER!

EASTER COLLECTION 2023 \$45,066.00
EASTER COLLECTION 2024 (YTD) \$40,370.00

Upcoming Second Collections:
April 7 - The Beacon

WE PRAY FOR...

For the Recently Deceased...
Connie Ricotta



A Time to be Healed...

Bishop Arthur Serratelli, Joseph Gore, Sikora Sisters,
Reverend John Klein, Philip Kutzenko,
Sr. Pauline Piechocki, Tom Mullin, Khameryn Oliver

MASS INTENTIONS

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

- 8:00 Teresa Villegas
Cristina Apostadero
10:00 Michele Monteleone
For the Protection of Human Life
Richard Kochan
Rosina Gioia
12:00 All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024

- 9:00 Kimberly Glinkin - 1st Anniversary

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024

- 9:00 Monsignor Lawrence Deno

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024

- 9:00 Diana Smith

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024

- 9:00 Francis Slasinski

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024

- 9:00 Charles Marvin
Mary and James Quinn

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

- 9:00 Robert Provost
5:30 All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

- 8:00 Eric Angeles, Sr
Maribel Londono
10:00 For the Protection of Human Life
Stephanie Pitoniak
Carmela Cardaci
Louis and Frances DeStefano
12:00 Francisca Bacani
Fe Esperanza Rojas

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