

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear St. Joseph Parish Family,

Today we end the Easter Octave with Divine Mercy Sunday, where we celebrate the mercy Jesus has offered us through redemption of our souls. Consider praying the divine mercy chaplet with your family today– it's a powerful prayer and helps us accept that mercy our hearts long for. In the end what matters most is accepting all the graces Christ offers us.

I also want to thank all the people who helped make this year's Triduum and Easter liturgies so successful. It was my first time celebrating these liturgies at St. Joseph, and it was a powerful experience for me. The Church looked so beautiful thanks to all the people who helped us set up for the liturgies and decorate the church. The celebration of the Lord's Supper, the austerity of the Passion liturgy, the beauty of the Tenebrae prayer, the glory of the Easter Vigil and Easter day Masses were moving. Thank you to everyone who helped set up and decorate the church! Also, thank you to everyone who served the Masses– servers, lectors, ushers, our emcee. These liturgies are complex, and all of these dedicated parishioners worked hard to make sure the liturgies went without a hitch. I'm very grateful for their hard work, so that the people attending the liturgies could enjoy their beauty and worship without distraction. And thank you to those who prepared the after party for the Easter Vigil– it was joyous, and everyone enjoyed the first flush of Easter fun together. Also, I have to thank our choirs and their directors for the astoundingly gorgeous music! During the Tenebrae service some people were moved to tears by the music, and others told me that they traveled for far away to hear our unparalleled contemporary choir at Easter. Everyone's hard work and sense of service has made this year's liturgies a time where people can encounter God more deeply and enter into the graces He wants to dispense. Thank you all for your help– we couldn't do it without you.

On a practical note, the construction is beginning now. Work on the new HVAC system in the church has begun. I'll keep you all up to date as the work progresses and explain what you're seeing going on in the building. By the end of the summer construction season the church should look like it was new– and we'll have shored up the church building for another generation.

Have a blessed Easter season,

*Fr. Boniface Endorf, O.P*

## Weekly Collection

April 20<sup>th</sup> and April 21<sup>st</sup>

<b>Masses Total</b> .....	<b>\$21,064</b>
Second Collection.....	\$1,696
WeShare.....	\$360
Faith Street.....	\$2,009
<b>Grand Total</b> .....	<b>\$25,129</b>



### PRAYER REQUEST



#### *Please pray for:*

Doris Colin

Luisa Latorre

Albert Latorre

Mary "Peggy" Milus

Zoila Vallo



If you would like to include someone on our prayer list, please call the church office to submit their names.

Names on the prayer list will remain for four (4) weeks. If you wish to leave them on longer, please call the church office, weekdays 9am - 5pm.

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, APRIL 27

**12:10 pm** Carl & Angelo Conetta

**5:30 pm**

### SUNDAY, APRIL 28

**9:00 am** Sydney Stacey Sr.

**11:30 am** Susan Sexton

**6:00 pm** People of the Parish

### MONDAY, APRIL 29

*Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

**12:10 pm**

### TUESDAY, APRIL 30

**12:10 pm**

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

*St. Joseph the Worker*

**12:10 pm** Gloria Wagner

### THURSDAY, MAY 2

*St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

**12:10 pm**

### FRIDAY, MAY 3

*St. Philip and James, Apostles*

**12:10 pm**

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## EDWARD CARDINAL EGAN LECTURE

### SATURDAY APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> @ 6:00PM

The 2019 Edward Cardinal Egan Lecture entitled  
*"God and Man in an Age of Unbelief"*

Presented by:

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. CAP.

### The Union League Club of New York City

38 East 37<sup>th</sup> Street

Traditional Business Attire

Limited seating available. Ticked admission ONLY.

In order to receive complimentary tickets, please register at:  
[www.cardinaleganlecture.com](http://www.cardinaleganlecture.com) or call (914) 502-1859

## ANNUAL FRIAR FORMATION APPEAL

### May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

Each member of our parish family should have received a letter from Father Endorf this week asking for their support of the St. Joseph Province Dominican Friars "Annual Friar Formation Appeal".

The Annual Friar Formation Appeal helps support and sustain the Dominican Seminarians of the St. Joseph Province.

Please make your commitment to the Dominican Friars that have been such an important part of your life.

Online gifts: [www.dominicanfriars.org/formation](http://www.dominicanfriars.org/formation)

## THE CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

### CONSIDER YOUR GIFT

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal has served the people and parishes of our 10 counties for 40 years. The health of our churches depends on all of us giving what we can. Even small sacrifices can make a big impact. Please answer the call and make your commitment today.

To date our parish has received:

**65 pledges, totaling \$67,765 towards our goal of \$104,500.**

**DIVINE EASTER SUNDAY  
SECOND EASTER SUNDAY**

**First Reading: Acts 5:12-16**

The people held the apostles in great esteem and brought sick people to them to be healed. Although some were afraid to be known, the number of Jesus' followers continued to grow steadily.

**Second Reading:**

**Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19**

John depicts a vision of lamp-stands of gold and one like the Son of Man in a robe with a sash of gold. This apparition told John he had nothing to fear and then described himself as one who was dead but now lived again. He then instructed John to record any other visions he might have.

**Gospel: John 20:19-31**

Jesus appeared to the disciples and breathed on them saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit." He gives them the power to forgive people's sins or hold them accountable. Thomas, who was not present, refused to believe Jesus had appeared until he came to them once more. Jesus told Thomas to believe and added, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SECOND  
SUNDAY OF EASTER  
DAILY READINGS**

**Sunday**

Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19;  
Jn 20:19-31

**Monday**

Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday**

Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday**

Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday**

Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

**First Friday**

1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

**First Saturday**

Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS



**HIS WORD TODAY**

*By Rev. William J. Reilly*

**Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)  
April 28, 2019**

**"Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. They were all together in Solomon's portico. None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed them. Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them."**

The story of the early church, as related in the Acts of the Apostles, not only records what happened, but motivates us today, to continue the apostolic work. We sometimes fail to see that our hands are the hands of the apostles, or even the hands of Christ working in our world today. Do you remember the story of the reconstructed chapel destroyed by bombs in Europe? American GIs restored almost everything, but a shattered statue of the Sacred Heart lacked fingers and hands. They wisely placed a sign in front of the icon reading 'I have no hands but yours.'

We are the hands of the Lord, because we are baptized, missionary disciples. A kind word, a gracious invitation, a gentle reminder of the love of Jesus to one who is hurting or lonely, can restore the church in the heart of someone. Reach out! Today, the Spirit of God asks us to hit the streets and find those seeking, waiting and yearning for God's gift.

