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Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday
April 19, 2020
Low Sunday

Very Rev. Dennis A. Nikolić, V.F., Pastor
Rev. Seán M. Connolly, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Simon Nwachukwu, Hospital Chaplain
Deacon Richard Trapani
Deacon Albert Loeffler
Deacon Alexander Gapay

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Coordinator: Ms. Linda Byrons: 845-343-4415

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday evening: Due to the Coronavirus
Sunday morning: all Masses are being prayed
Sunday afternoon: by the Parish Priests in private

DAILY MASS

Monday – Friday: Due to the Coronavirus
Wednesday: all Masses are being prayed
Saturday: by the Parish Priests in private

HOLY DAYS

Mass and Confession schedule announced ahead of time.

CONFESSIONS

Please call to make an appointment.

BAPTISMS

For registered parishioners, by appointment, after instruction. Sundays at 2:30 p.m.; second through last Sunday in English, first Sunday in Spanish.

PARENT BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTION

Meetings in the Parish Center
English: Third Saturday, 9:15-10:15 a.m.
Spanish: Fourth Saturday, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

MARRIAGES

For registered parishioners. Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance.

PASTORAL VISITS

Communion for the home-bound and anointing of the sick: please call the Rectory: 845-343-6013.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

For adults interested in becoming Catholics and for Catholics who need to receive Communion and/or Confirmation: please call the Rectory: 845-343-6013.

LITURGY

Eucharistic Ministers: *Coordinator*, Deacon Trapani
Lector Coordinator: Mr. Martin Suchy
Organist: Mr. Joseph Bertolozzi

DEVOTIONS

Perpetual Adoration In Chapel: 24 hours a day,
7 days a week.
Miraculous Medal Novena: Mondays, 7:00 p.m.
First Friday: Holy Hour 8:00-9:00 p.m.
First Saturday: Rosary after the 8:00 a.m. Mass
First Saturday: Holy Hour 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Spanish
Rosary Crusade for Life: First Sunday of the month,
4:00-5:00 p.m.

PARISH SERVICES

Food Pantry: Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. -12:00 noon
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*Welcome to
Our Parish*



**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY
APRIL 19, 2020**



MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of April 19 – April 26

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| SAT: | 5:30pm | Francesca Fratto |
| SUN: | 7:00am | Mary Ellen Schwartz |
| LATIN: | 9:00am | Theresa Faulls & Mary Sweeney |
| | 9:00am | Katherine P. Root (Living) |
| | 11:30am | Antoinette Talarico |
| | 1:00pm | Maria DeJesus Herrera-Contreras |
| MON: | 7:30am | Amalio Onorato |
| | 12:10pm | Pietro Olivo |
| TUE: | 7:30am | Franco Rossi |
| | 12:10pm | Thomas, Catherine, John & James Stanford |
| WED: | 7:30am | Joseph R. Masi |
| | 12:10pm | <i>Special Intention</i> |
| | 7:00pm | <i>– por los difuntos –</i> |
| THUR: | 7:30am | <i>Special Intention</i> |
| | 12:10pm | Ellen Donovan & Evan Fingeret |
| FRI: | 7:30am | <i>Special Intention</i> |
| | 12:10pm | St. Joseph Purgatorial Society |
| SAT: | 8:00am | <i>Special Intention</i> |
| | 5:30pm | Vincenzo & Concetta Barone |
| SUN: | 7:00am | All Parishioners Living, Deceased |
| | | Alfred & Angelina Fusco & Mamie, Mary & Thomas Damiano |
| | 9:00am | |
| | 9:00am | Teresita Tabotabo |
| | 11:30am | Umberto "Albert" Napoletano |
| LATIN: | 1:00pm | Mauricio Heredia |

Note: All Masses are being prayed in private with the above intentions remembered by our priests.

**+ PRAY FOR +
Patrick Kennerk**

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PERPETUAL ADORATION



"I desire to bestow My graces upon souls, but they do not want to accept them. You at least, come to Me as often as possible and take these graces they do not want to accept. In this way, you will console My Heart. Oh, how indifferent are souls to so much goodness, to so many proofs of love! My heart drinks only of ingratitude and forgetfulness of souls living in the world. They have time for everything, but they have no time to come to Me for graces.

"The flames of mercy are burning Me. I desire to pour them out upon human souls. Oh, what pain they cause Me when they do not want to accept them! ... I am looking for souls who would like to receive My grace."

– Jesus to St. Faustina in Divine Mercy in My Soul

Today, Divine Mercy Sunday, gives us an opportunity to reflect on Jesus' words. As we are in a time when we cannot come to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass or receive Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist, we feel a keen longing for our Lord. But Jesus longs for us even more. Take this time to love Him and to pray more deeply. We wait for the time when this crisis is over and we are again able to come before Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament. If you are a Guardian of the Eucharist, try to keep your Holy Hour at home. If you are not a Guardian, pray, asking God if this is what He wants of you.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

FOR UPDATES ON WHEN THE CHAPEL WILL OPEN, YOU MAY CALL THE CHAPEL RECORDING, 845-956-1455 (this number might not work from a Spectrum house phone).

YOU MAY ALSO CALL: 845-343-6013, ext. 105.

READINGS FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

FIRST READING

From the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:42-47).

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among according to each one's need.

Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people.

And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

R. Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, His love is everlasting.

Let the house of Israel say,
"His mercy endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say,
"His mercy endures forever."

Let those who fear the LORD say,
"His mercy endures forever."

R. Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, His love is everlasting.

I was hard-pressed and was falling,
but the LORD helped me.

My strength and my courage is the LORD,
and He has been my savior.

The joyful shout of victory
in the tents of the just:

R. Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, His love is everlasting.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;
let us be glad and rejoice in it.

R. Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, His love is everlasting.



SECOND READING

From the First Letter of St. Peter (1 Peter 1:3-9)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in His great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time.

In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen Him you love Him; even though you do not see Him now yet believe in Him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

ALLELUIA

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

From the Gospel of John (John 20:19-31).

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in His hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

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.

PRAYING THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Make the Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Optional Opening Prayers

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the world and empty Yourself upon us.
(Repeat three times)

Or

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!
(Repeat three times)

Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come 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 life everlasting. Amen.

The Eternal Father

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. Then, on the 10 small beads of each decade, pray the following: "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world." Repeat for the remaining four decades, saying the "Eternal Father" on the "Our Father" bead and then "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" ten times on the "Hail Mary" beads

Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)

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

Optional Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.



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