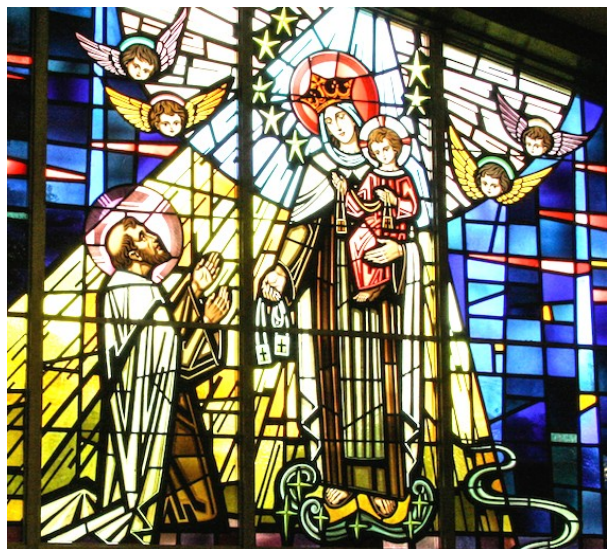


Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, April 28, 2019
Sunday of Divine Mercy



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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am

DAILY MASSES

Monday-Saturday 8:30 am (except Wednesday)
Wednesday 7:00 pm
First Friday Mass 2:00 pm
@Homestead Nursing Home
Holy Days 8:30 am & 7:00 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:15 - 4:45 pm

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, MARRIAGE & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the office to arrange.

Masses for the Week 

Saturday, April 27

ACTS 4:13-21 / MK 16:9-15

8:30 am Intentions of Mario Inglima *by Carol*
5:00 pm Andrew Eckweiler *by Boettcher Family*

Sunday, April 28 – Sunday of Divine Mercy

ACTS 5:12-16 / REV 1:9-11A, 12-13, 17-19 / JN 20:19-31

7:30 am Intentions of Dominick Inglima *by Carol*
9:00 am Helen McLaughlin *by Marjorie Mucha*
11:00 am Anthony Barile *by Deacon Tony & Beth Barile*

Monday, April 29 – Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

ACTS 4:23-31 / JN 3:1-8

8:30 am Intentions of M.M. *by Mazzola Family*

Tuesday, April 30

ACTS 4:32-37 / JN 3:7B-15

8:30 am Intentions of Andrew Johnson *by Ron & Ann Johnson*

Wednesday, May 1

ACTS 5:17-26 / JN 3:16-21

7:00 pm Joachin Ezeilo *by Friends*

Thursday, May 2 – Memorial of St. Athanasius, Bishop

ACTS 5:27-33 / JN 3:31-36

8:30 am Tyler Rodimer *by Long Family*

Friday, May 3 – Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles

1 COR 15:1-8 / JN 14:6-14

8:30 am Angelo Inglima, Sr. *by Carol*

Saturday, May 4

ACTS 6:1-7 / JN 6:16-21

8:30 am Private Intentions *by Anonymous*
5:00 pm Ethel Eckweiler *by Boettcher Family*

Sunday, May 5

ACTS 5:27-32, 40B-41 / REV 5:11-14 / JN 21:1-19

7:30 am Deceased Members of Muller & Weisser Families *by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller*
9:00 am Robert Mucha *by Parish Staff*
11:00 am Michael Sugar *by Larry & Mary Anne Condit*

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

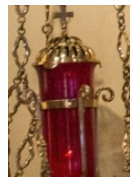
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A GOOD STEWARD

Holy Thursday	\$274.00
Sunday, April 21	\$6,399.50
Online Giving	\$250.00
Human Development	\$765.00
Online Giving	\$100.00

Thank you for your generosity!

This Week the Sanctuary Lamp Burns for Eugene Streeter



WOMEN AND MEN OF THE ARMED FORCES

We ask God the Father, through the intercession of St. Michael the Archangel, to protect all the men and women in our Armed Forces. May they be brought back safely to those whom they love: Major Brandon Bennett, NJ Army National Guard (Federal); Larisa Furs, US Navy; Lt. Jason Gieniewski, US Army; Pvt. Daniel Michael Mobilio, Army; Captain Richi M. Pazdzierski, US Army; Captain Jane Petrick, Army; Lt. Daniel T. Pevarnik, Jr., National Guard; Captain Cheryl Ryan, US Army; Seaman Recruit Tyler Joseph Salonia; Michael Valeich, Staff Sergeant; Pvt. Zachary Wharton, Robert Williams, Airman



Origin of Divine Mercy Sunday, the Divine Mercy Image, the Chaplet and the Novena

Saint 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 1930's, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. 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, *Memory and Identity* (2005)

Divine Mercy Sunday: St. Faustina's 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 mercy" (Diary, no. 687).

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.

Divine Mercy prayers will begin at 2:30 pm with Exposition and Confession then ending with Benediction at 3:30 pm.



Congratulations to Andrew Jaworski and Matt Spies

This past week on Easter vigil, our two brothers Andrew Jaworski and Matt Spies completed their sacrament of initiation. Mr. Jaworski received Eucharist and confirmation whereas Mr. Spies was baptized, confirmed, received Eucharist and is now a full member of the Catholic Church. On behalf of our parish community, we are thankful and congratulate our brothers.



Wine and Cheese Gathering

The next Wine and Cheese Gathering will be Saturday, May 4 after the 5 PM Mass. Good opportunity to meet and get to know more of our parishioners in a relaxed manner with beverages of all types and cheese and fruits.



Religious Education Announcements

Early Registration

If you didn't get the opportunity to register your child(ren) for CCD and/or Confirmation on April 14th to receive a 10% discount on registration, you still have time. Early registration will be open again on Sunday, May 5th. Please see Celine.

***May 4th – 2nd Year Confirmation Retreat at Sacred Heart Center**

***May 5th – Last day of CCD and the God Bowl which will take place during class – Parents are invited to attend.**
- Confirmation Gathering – 7 pm – 8:30 pm

May 19th – Last Confirmation Gathering 7 pm – 8:30 pm



Our annual Blessing of the Bikes will be held on Sunday, May 19th at 12:15 PM. All are welcome to this blessing whether you have a motorcycle or a bicycle.

OLMC Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry is running low on the following items: Pasta sauce, pancake mix, cereal, canned meat, canned meals (stew, chunky soups, etc.), coffee, paper towels, peanut butter, snacks (granola bars, pudding cups, packs of crackers & cheese or crackers and peanut butter. etc.), juice (large containers and individual containers), Progresso or Campbell's soups, Saltine Crackers, Graham Crackers, canned vegetables (corn, beets, peas, mixed vegetables, etc.), box or packets of Potatoes, side pasta or rice packets, frozen lasagna, hams, turkey breasts, hot dogs, etc. Please leave any items you can donate in the box by the kitchen door. Thank You!

Sacred Heart Spirituality Center
20 Old Swartwood Road, Newton

First Thursday at Sacred Heart Center

Come join us for our monthly First Thursday Retreat at Sacred Heart Spirituality Center on May 2nd, 2019. Our Theme for this year is "Holiness is for Everyone!" Our topic for May as we begin the month of Mary is: "Mary, Model and Companion on Our Journey". The day begins at 9 AM with 'coffee and,' and includes an opening prayer, a short talk, Eucharistic Adoration, the opportunity for Confession, Mass at 12:00 Noon, and a light lunch. The day concludes at about 1:30pm. Fifteen dollars is the suggested offering. There is no need to pre-register – all are welcome.

For further information, visit our web site: sacredheartspiritualitycenter.org, e-mail us at shretreatcenter@gmail.com. or call 973-383-2620.



“He gives them the Peace and Courage the world cannot give!”

Following the condemnation and execution of Jesus on the cross, the apostles were devastated. It seemed to them they have come to the end of the road. They were also afraid that the tragedy that have befallen Jesus could also befall them. So, there was tension and self-imposed prison among themselves. However, the turning point came when Jesus pleasantly surprised them. He appeared among them and helped them overcome the threat and the fear. In His appearance, after greeting them with "Peace be with you," Jesus performs three significant actions: Firstly, He commissioned them and then sent them out: "As the Father sent me, so am I sending you" (Jn 20:21). Secondly, After the commissioning, "He breathed on them and said: Receive the Holy Spirit" (Jn 20:22). And thirdly, on the same occasion, Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation. "If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you retain anyone's sins, they are retained" (Jn 20:23).

In fact, "When the disciples inhaled that life-giving Spirit, it took over their lives. Soon they left the Upper Room as changed characters, full of missionary purpose. They went out animated, fired up and propelled by the Holy Spirit." From this point on, they began courageously to share the mission of Christ. They went out to bear witness to the resurrected Lord with new energy and hope which finally led to the acceptance of many converts and formation of early Christian community. The first reading paints the picture of community of new believers joyously witnessing the new-found faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Guided by the leadership of the apostles, their spiritual needs were cared for through teaching, prayers and shared meals. In addition, the material needs were also provided by their generosity in sharing their possessions with one another. The peace and mercy of the risen Christ cemented community spirit among the new believers.

Like the disciples after the death of Christ, we may have abandoned our faith journey, unable to see the way forward. The experience of past failures make us hesitate to try again. In those moments, we need to surrender totally to God and ask Him to take care of it. As a matter of fact, "Today's gospel suggests a way out of such confinement. The Lord Himself will find another way to draw us into freedom. No locked doors, nor even locked hearts, can keep him out."

Today too is a Divine Mercy Sunday. We celebrate the Lord's mercy and peace upon our lives. Like the Lord commissioned the apostles to be agents of His peace, mercy and forgiveness. So, does He calls all of us to be an instrument of His mercy and peace. Yes, you and I can continue dispensing God's mercy, by true pardon and reconciliation in our families and communities. May the peace, mercy and love of Christ which the world cannot give be with you today and always.

–Fr. Abuchi



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“He was pierced for our sins, crushed for our iniquity. He bore the punishment that makes us whole, by His wounds we were healed.”

–Isaiah 53:5