

Pastor's Message for Divine Mercy Sunday April 19, 2020

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

On this second Sunday of Easter we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday which means that we reflect on how we, even as we are challenged by the “unseen enemy”, might stand tall as instruments of mercy in our service to the Lord.

For us, Divine Mercy is evident within our parish as we, following the example of the Polish nun, Saint Faustina (canonized by Saint Pope John Paul in 2000), allow Jesus to dwell and act within each of us. God’s mercy shines forth as we reach out to the poor and to the needy, the alienated and the marginalized. His mercy shines forth as we help those who struggle in their faith. Divine mercy is activated gently, through sensitive dialogue and always through unremitting prayer and penance, leading others to the splendor of the truth and to the Gospel of Life and therefore to Jesus, who is “the Way, the Truth and the Life” (John 14:6).

During this pandemic, we are instruments of God’s mercy, especially when we pray for the thousands of people who struggle with the coronavirus and for the repose of the souls of over 23,000 Americans who have succumbed to it. We must each reflect on how we might be instruments of mercy in the midst of this pandemic so we also need to use God’s gift of our imaginations to discern how we can safely be present to our family, friends, neighbors and even strangers.

Please use the tools that are available on our website and check in from time to time as we add files and videos. Realize that being “pray-ers” is not a copout but a legitimate way to serve both friends and strangers. In fact, during our challenges with self-isolation and social distancing, we just might become better pray-ers!

In our Risen Lord,

Reverend Monsignor Edward C. Puleo, Pastor