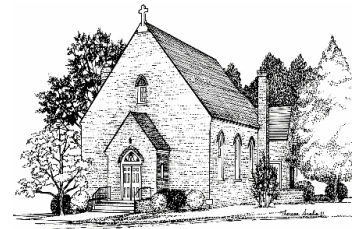




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Divine Mercy Sunday

April 11, 2021

Dear brothers and sisters,

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad! The Church celebrates the first eight days of Easter as one continuous “day” in her liturgy. So, the Easter octave (meaning series of eight) began on Easter Sunday and ends this Sunday - the “Day” that the Lord has made. Given the importance of this octave, it was somewhat of a surprise that Pope St. John Paul II declared the first Sunday after Easter to be “Divine Mercy Sunday”.

He did so in response to the request of our Lord to a Polish nun named Sr. Faustina Kowalska,

“My daughter, I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy (Diary 299). 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. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened (Diary 699).

Once again, the Lord who is merciful directs us to the Sacrament of Confession, “the Fount of Mercy”. A humble, contrite heart hears the promise of Jesus as a sincere invitation to receive the sacramental graces (“a whole ocean”) available to us through the Church and her ministers. He describes the grace of Divine Mercy Sunday as “the divine floodgates!” Oh, how it pains the heart of Jesus that so many Catholics neglect to go to Confession and yet they wound the same Sacred Heart by receiving Communion without examining their conscience and going to confession.

Jesus also told her, *“I want the Image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it...”*

Wow, this grabs our attention, that the Lord wants to draw EVERY soul to this new image (see to the right) which, like the image of the Sacred Heart, reminds us of the longing of his Heart for us to seek with confidence his mercy in Confession and the Eucharist.

Jesus, I trust in You, Fr. Martin Flum

“Transformed into a hymn of adoration”

St. Faustina wrote a prayer of adoration to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Her love, expressed as adoration, can inspire us to flee to his Eucharistic Presence in church:

“And although You have hidden Yourself and concealed Your beauty, my eye, enlightened by faith, reaches You and my soul recognizes its Creator, its Highest Good, and my heart is completely immersed in prayer of adoration.

My Lord and Creator, your Goodness encourages me to converse with You. Your mercy abolishes the chasm which separates the Creator from the creature. To converse with You, O Lord, is the delight of my heart. In You I find everything that my heart could desire. Here You light illumines my mind, enabling it to know You more and more deeply. Here streams of graces flow down upon my heart. Here my soul draws eternal life. O my Lord and Creator, You alone, beyond all these gifts, give Your own self to me and unite Yourself intimately with Your miserable creature.

O Christ, let my greatest delight be to see You loved and Your praise and glory proclaimed, especially the honor of Your mercy. O Christ, let me glorify Your goodness and mercy to the last moment of my life, with every drop of my blood and every beat of my heart. Would that I be transformed into a hymn of adoration of You. When I find myself on my deathbed, may the last beat of my heart be a loving hymn glorifying Your unfathomable mercy. Amen.” (St. Faustina)

Please consider committing to one of these hours:

Monday: 1-2 PM

Wednesday: 6-7 PM, 7-8 PM

Saturday: 12-1 PM, 1-2 PM, 6-7 PM

Sunday: 4-5 PM, 5-6 PM, 6-7 PM



Our goal is for each family to have one hour each week to which they are committed. If you would like to be on our substitute list, call the office (240) 681-3551.

*“My aim is to institute perpetual adoration,”
St. Maximilian Kolbe said,
for this is
“the most important activity.”*

Volunteers needed to virtually tutor English

This tutoring program is a wonderful opportunity to live out Pope Francis' call to become neighbors, to journey with people from different walks of life. Tutor training will occur in May. All training and tutoring will be done with Zoom or other virtual programs. For more information contact Laura.Yeomans@CC-DC.org, (202) 315-9440.

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – April 4, 2021

St. Michael	Offertory Collection	\$ 5,571.00
	Easter Collection	\$ 2,563.00
St. Dominic	Offertory Collection	\$ 392.00
	Easter Collection	\$ 499.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	04/10/21	8 PM	Barbara J. Boswell +
Sunday	04/11/21	8 AM	Parishioners
Sunday	04/11/21	10 AM	Donna Cranford +
Sunday	04/11/21	11:30 AM	Leo Bradburn +
Monday	04/12/21	7 AM	Teresa & Wills Frantz +
Tuesday	04/13/21	8 AM	Donna Cranford +
Wednesday	04/14/21	7 AM	Claude Boswell +
Thursday	04/15/21	8AM	Elizabeth Swann
Friday	04/16/21	7AM	Jayne H. Plank
Saturday	04/17/21	8 AM	Mathew Stecklein

Please PRAY for our SICK

For those who suffer from chronic illness, especially Christopher Becker, Arlene Bloom, Arlene Bonds, Madison Brady, Keith Brown & Family, Lynn Brown, Ann Canter, Aldrin Castillo, Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Greg Connick, Mary Connick, Reiss Danielson, Diane DiSandro, John DiSandro, Leo Dixon, Marysa Dixon, Dorothy Dunston, Angela Farmer, Kathy Fisher, Robert Flum, Mabel Hamilton, Barbara Harding, Florence Henderson, Crystal Johnson, Bernice Kirby, Marie Knobel, Margaret Kramer, Wanda Langley, Betty Lindsay, Kenny Lindsay, Adam Lumpkins, John Martone II, Rita Miller, Michael Mohun, Claire Mason, Ralph and Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Vaughn Newman, Yvette Parker, Carolyn Parson, Michael Proctor, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, Betty Proctor, Garland Proctor, Gary Reinhardt, Marsha Reinhardt, Shawn Reinhardt, Lorrie Riess, Traci Renner, Dawn Russo, Mary Savoy, Frances N. Sewell, Blanche Simms, Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Savannah Stuart, Thomas and Pat Stuart, George Thomas, Marion Walzel, Shirley Watson, Juanita Wilson, Ken Wilson, Terry Wilson, Louis Wimbish, Belinda Windsor, Beverly Windsor, Caroline & Peter Yashinski, Carmelita, Cheryl Young, Lewis Young. Jesus, Divine Mercy, heal and console us! I trust in You!

“Divine Mercy” (?) Eggs are still here!

SIX dozen Peanut Butter Easter Eggs from Mother Cabrini Parish in Pennsylvania are still available for order or pick-up. *The eggs come in multiples of 4 for \$5. Please pick them up at the office. Ph# 240-681-3551.*



Neighbor in Need?

If you know of any St. Michael or St. Dominic parishioners living in Prince Georges County who are in need of mortgage or rental assistance, speak to Fr. Flum.



CHESTERTON ACADEMY

OF ST. MARY'S

Do you want your child to attend a classical liberal arts high school that is affordable and where the environment is joyful comradery? Where teachers take the oath of fidelity to the magisterium of the Catholic Church?

Can you lend support to a school where students are immersed in truth, surrounded by goodness and beauty, and where the lost arts of learning - reading, writing, and rhetoric - are the foundations?

YOU are seeking the Chesterton Academy of St. Mary's!

Attend the **Chesterton Chat**, an information session 7pm, this Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at Holy Angels School or for a Zoom link, visit: <https://www.chestertonstmarys.org>

More information: 301-800-0227

“Tools For Our Journey”

A St. Joseph Retreat Opportunity – May 1st, 2021

*The retreat will offer:
Talks about St. Joseph by Fr. Drew Royals and Fr. Martin Flum, Mass in Latin, Confession and refreshments.*



Mark your calendars for the First Saturday in May, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Morganza, MD, 29119 Point Lookout Rd, Mechanicsville, MD 20659. \$15 Lunch included. Get your eticket through Eventbrite or call Bread of Life Center for Peace at: (301) 475-7139.

In this Holy Year of St. Joseph, we will deepen our knowledge, appreciation, and devotion to the great St. Joseph!

Crab Feast Raffle \$5.00 a ticket (or 6 for \$25)

St. Mary Church, Newport, Maryland. Call office 301-934-8825 to purchase tickets or visit the parish website <https://www.stmarychurchnewport.org/> Ticket sales will run through Friday, May 28th.



The 1st prize winner will receive **2 bushels of crabs, 10 lbs. of steamed shrimp, hamburgers, hot dogs, corn on the cob, drinks and more!** Our 2nd and 3rd prize winners will also receive spectacular “mystery prizes”! The drawing will take place Sunday, May 30th, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass (no need to be present to win).