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## Saint Mary Parish



### *Keeping Us Connected Newsletter*

**April 13, Issue XI**

**Video Message - Msgr. Royal, Fr. Lourduraj, Fr. Damian**

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I am the resurrection and the life.

John 11:25

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Dear St. Mary's Friends,

**A Blessed and Happy Easter to All!** To be sure, an Easter like no other in our lifetimes! Many a preacher has noted that the women went to the tomb on that first Easter expecting to find a corpse, but instead find an tomb empty, an angel proclaiming that Christ is risen, and eventually they see the Lord himself in days to come. This calls to mind something about Saint Catherine of Siena. It's said that in her time lion cubs were born stillborn and that the father lion had to roar over the cubs to wake them to life. With that in mind, Catherine wrote in one of her letters: "*How I wish such a bellow should be issued, a roar over the sleeping body of the whole Church that all of her sons & daughters*

*will awake to the Living Lord, Jesus.” Well, Christ the Lion of Judah, has roared over all of us; he lives in us, and we are to live in him. These days of the Easter season, please let us all marvel at the Lord’s rising out of the tomb, let us marvel at our baptisms into his death and resurrection, and let us ask the Blessed Mother to pray that we will “awake to the Living Lord, Jesus”*

Further down in this newsletter please click on the link to an ancient homily from the 2<sup>nd</sup> century. It was given on Holy Saturday and imagines “*The Harrowing of Hell,*” that is Christ bringing to heaven all the holy men and women of earlier ages out of the abode of the dead, starting with Adam. It’s a powerful read.

Lastly, at noon during the Easter Season, you might consider replacing the Angelus with the beautiful Regina Caeli (Queen of Heaven) Prayer:

***Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.***

***For He whom thou didst merit to bear, alleluia.***

***Has risen, as He said, alleluia.***

***Pray for us to God, alleluia.***

***V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.***

***R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.***

***Let us pray. O God, who through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, didst vouchsafe to give joy to the world; grant, we beseech Thee, that through His Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Easter Blessings,  
Monsignor Kevin Royal

***Praised be Jesus Christ!  
Now and Forever. Amen.***

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**Also in today’s Newsletter:**

- [Written reflection by Deacon Bob Salvestrini.](#)

**Deacon Salvestrini's  
Reflection**

- [Ancient Homily](#) on the Harrowing of Hell
- A [note of thanks](#) from Sr. Joan

- Listen live to [Veritas Catholic Radio](#)
- Our regular [Faith & Family](#) Section
- [Prayer Intercession Form](#) to submit names of the sick, deceased, health care workers, pharmacists, and first responders

## PRAYER AND SACRAMENTS

### Sacrament of Confession

**Tuesday, April 14 - 12:30 to 1:30 PM**

Confession will be available in a way that abides by the directives of the Bishop and civil authorities. Those wanting to confess should **drive in the Greenfield Avenue entrance by the Bossidy Recreation Center**, drive to the right (keeping the building on your left), then pull up in front of the school entrance and park your car there. Walk into the school entrance to make your confession and then return to your car, driving out using the High Ridge Avenue exit.



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### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Wednesday, April 15 - 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the Church

Sign Up - April  
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### Church Bells Ring Noon Each Day for the Angelus.

Whether you can hear them or not, let's try as one community in the Lord to pray the Angelus together at that time, wherever we are. If you don't know the Angelus, you can pray 3 Hail Mary's (or take this opportunity to learn it [here](#)).

**Our Church is open Monday - Saturday, 8 AM - 6 PM  
Sunday - 11 AM - 6 PM**

The Church is sanitized daily at 7 AM

## FAITH & FAMILY

Go to [our Faith & Family page](#) for our latest blog entry.

## DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

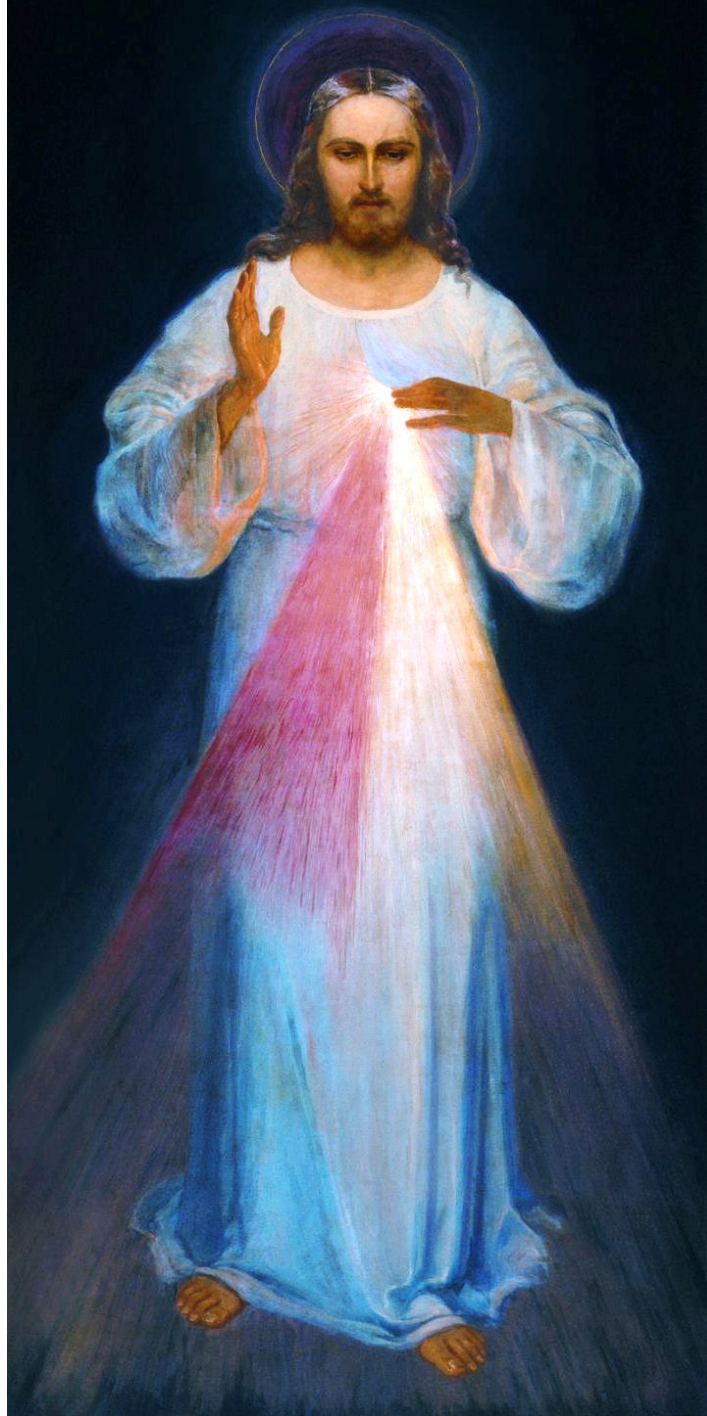
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[EWTN - TV Schedule](#)

[Divine Mercy Devotion](#)

[Bridgeport Diocese Leadership Institute](#)

Each night at 7:30 PM - Easter Sunday thru Divine Mercy Sunday



## Jesus I Trust in You

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### LINKS

[Prayer Requests](#)

[Bishop: No public Liturgical Celebrations during Holy Week](#)

[VERITAS Catholic Radio Network](#)

[Making a Spiritual Communion](#)

[Word on Fire Daily Mass - 8:15 AM](#)

[Youth Ministry](#)

## Coronavirus Resources & Information

[Online Daily Mass](#)

[TV Mass Schedule](#)

[Online Sunday Mass with Bishop Caggianno and Msgr. Powers](#)

[CDC Website](#)

[How to say the Rosary](#)

[How to recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy](#)


Many thanks for your continued support of our Parish!

### WAYS TO CONTINUE YOUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Your support helps maintain our Parish facilities and bring the Eucharist and God's Word to our community - plus it helps those in need through our many ministries.


*Online Giving* is an easy way to give with a click of a button.  
[Online Giving](#)

You may mail your offertory to the Parish office as well; mail is picked up every day.


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*Christ is  
Risen!*

 **HAPPY  
EASTER**

*He is not here,  
for He has risen,  
just as He said.”  
--Matthew 28:6*