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## Saint Mary Parish



### *Keeping Us Connected Newsletter*

**April 15, Issue XII**

**Video Message - Steve Lee**

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***I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection.***

***Philippians 3:10***

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Dear St. Mary's Friends,

No Easter Sunday Mass, no Easter visits, no Easter Egg hunts, but Easter Sunday nonetheless. Related to this thought, a friend sent an appropriate reflection (below) and I pass it on to you. Before you get to it, I want to thank Steve Lee, a Parishioner here at St. Mary's with his wife Roula and their three children, who is the founder of Veritas Catholic Radio, for today's video. (Steve's Chairman of the Veritas Board is another Parishioner, John Mitchell). Any startup is hard work, and starting up a Catholic radio station may even be harder. Add in the virus and, well, you have a lot of challenges. Many blessings to Steve and his colleagues for this much needed media presence. A link for listening live to Veritas and getting the App is always in our newsletter. Also,

you might enjoy a video (below) on the restoration of Christ's tomb in Jerusalem.

So here is what my friend sent for Easter. In searching around for the author, you find a few different ones cited, or it's listed as anonymous.

*The very first Easter was not in a crowded worship space with singing and praising. On the very first Easter, the disciples were locked in their house. It was dangerous for them to come out. They were afraid. They wanted to believe the good news they heard from the women, that Jesus had risen. But it seemed too good to be true. They were living in a time of such despair and such fear. If they left their homes their lives and the lives of their loved ones might be at risk. Could a miracle really have happened? Could life really had won out over death? Could this time of terror and fear really be coming to an end?*

*Alone in their homes, they dared to believe that hope was possible, that the long night was over and morning had broken, that God's love was the most powerful of all, even though it didn't seem quite real yet. Eventually, they were able to leave their homes, when the fear and danger had subsided, they went around celebrating and spreading the good news that Jesus has risen and love was the most powerful force on the earth*

*This year, we might get to experience a taste of what that first Easter was like, still in our homes daring to believe that hope is on the horizon. Then, after a while, when it is safe for all people when it is the most loving choice, we will come out, gathering together, singing and shouting the good news that God brings life even out of death, that love always has the final say! This year we might get the closest taste we have had yet to what that first Easter was like.*

Easter Blessings,

**Monsignor Kevin Royal**

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

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**Also in today's Newsletter:**

- ·Written reflection by Fr. Damian Pielesz.

**Fr. Damian  
Reflection**

- [Video](#) of the restoration of the tomb of Christ in Jerusalem
- Listen live to [Veritas Catholic Radio](#)
- The latest from our [Faith & Family](#) ministry
- [Prayer Intercession Form](#) to submit names of the sick, deceased, health care workers, pharmacists, and first responders

## PRAYER AND SACRAMENTS

### Sacrament of Confession

Tuesdays - 12:30 to 1:30 PM

Saturdays - 3:30 to 4:30 PM

[More Info](#)

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### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

[Sign  
Up](#)

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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](#)).

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**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.

For your budding artist...

## **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

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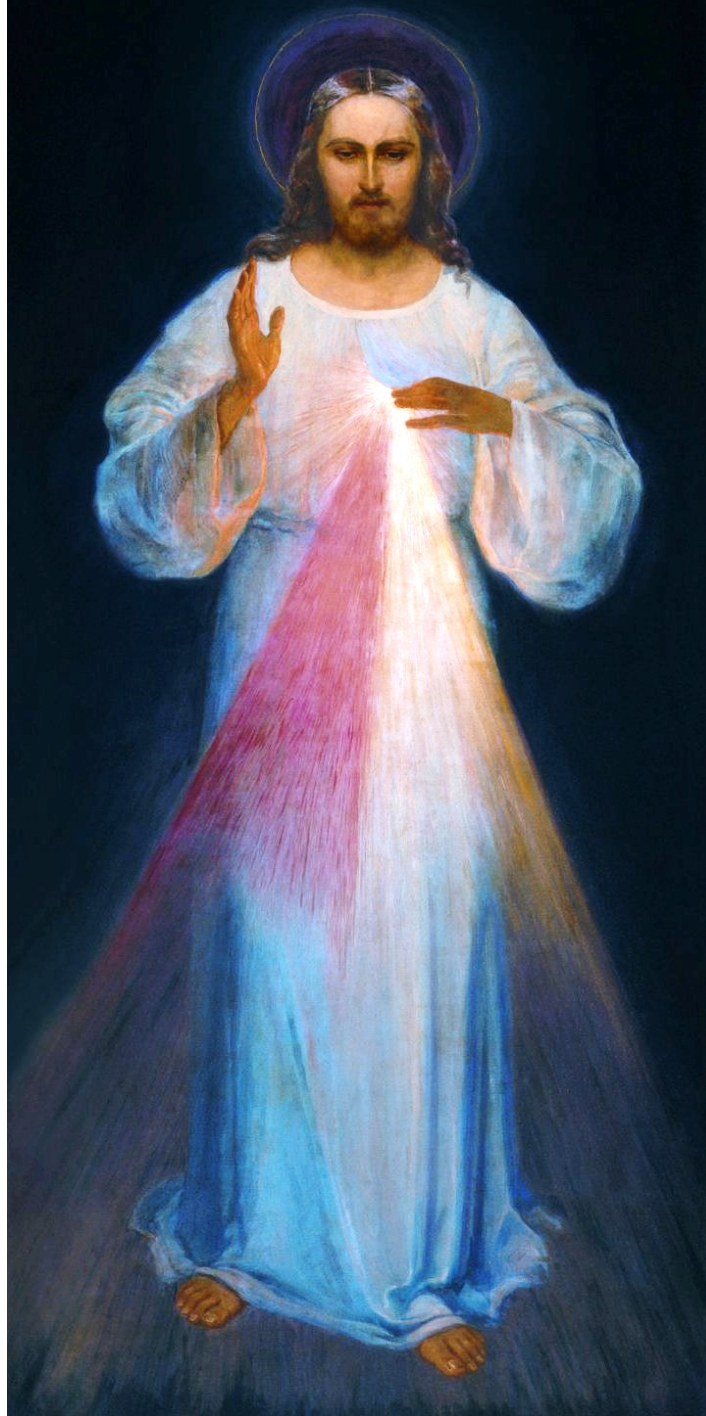
**Live-Streamed from St. Mary Parish  
Sunday, April 19**

**Divine Mercy Sunday Mass - 10 AM**

**Chaplet of the Divine Mercy - 3 PM**

**Watch LIVE and afterwards (anytime) on our [Facebook page](#) and [website](#).**





## Jesus I Trust in You

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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

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### LINKS

[Easter Sunday Letter from Bishop Caggiano](#)

[Prayer Requests](#)

[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](#)

[CDC Website](#)

[How to say the Rosary](#)

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

Many thanks for your continued support of our Parish!

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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.

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[Online Giving](#)

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

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