

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 19, 2020

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19, 2020

From the Priests' Desks:

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Sacred Heart:

"Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy. Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the Risen Christ and offers to humanity." These words, taken from a homily given by Pope John Paul II on April 22, 2001, one year after he officially established the feast of Divine Mercy on the 1st Sunday after Easter, find their inspiration in the diary of Faustina Kowalska, a Polish saint and visionary (1905-38) who dedicated her life to spreading this devotion, which for many years now has been fostered at Tagaste Monastery and Sacred Heart Parish as well as throughout the world. Faustina lived the last part of her short life in a newly independent, post-World War I Poland, whose liberty was already being threatened by the shadow of Nazi Germany to the West and the Soviet Union to the East, both dedicated to the destruction of her native land and its Catholic culture. In the midst of this increasing darkness, Faustina placed all her trust in Jesus Christ. Without seeing the light at the end of the tunnel; before, indeed, the carnage of a new world war had even begun, she was able to foresee that the mercy of God would bring eventual victory to her country and to the whole world, if only people would turn their hearts to Jesus, the only path to true peace and true healing. It took over 50 years for Poland to emerge from the double scourge of Nazism and Communism, and in the end to give the Church one of the greatest popes in its long history.

Easter Sunday 2020 was anything but traditional. There was no singing of the Gloria or the Alleluia at Mass. We did not even gather for Mass. Our churches—including St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City and even St. Peter's Basilica in Rome—were virtually empty. Instead of Easter bonnets there were face masks and gloves; instead of Easter Sunday dinner, social distancing remained the necessary norm everywhere. But we cannot, we will not abandon the hope of better days to come." Jesus, I trust in you!" This is the most important affirmation of Divine Mercy Sunday. The Risen Lord appeared to the twelve in the upper room when all seemed to be lost (Jn. 20:19-31). "Peace be with you," He said. Then he breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit!" In the midst of their fear and disappointment in the apparent defeat of Jesus and their own betrayal of the Teacher, faith was reborn; and a new mission was discovered! Forgive as you have been forgiven; be instruments of the healing grace of God in

others as you have first been healed. Even though you abandoned me in my passion and crucifixion, I am willing to trust you again. Are you willing to trust in me and trust in yourselves? Even you, Thomas, the doubter? Examine my hands and my feet, and do not be unbelieving, but believe. "My Lord and my God!" Thomas replied. Help us, Lord, during this Easter time to overcome our own doubts and fears, to remain strong in our faith in the Risen One, united with one another in prayer, with Mary our spiritual mother, with St. Faustina, and most of all with Jesus, our Savior and Healer: *Jesus, I trust in you!*

Fr. Michael Rafferty, OAR

Fr. John Gruben, OAR



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
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Divine Mercy **Sunday April 19, 2020** here at Sacred Heart. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Chanting of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction and Blessing can be viewed on our website via live streaming from 1pm to 3pm.

HOLY MOTHER PRAY FOR US

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and
deliverance.

Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to
be patient and kind.

Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to
our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.

Amen.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, APRIL 19 Divine Mercy Sunday 12

Monday, April 20

Rel. Ed. – CLOSED

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Tuesday, April 21

Rel. Ed. – CLOSED

Rel. Ed. – CLOSED

Wednesday, April 22

Thursday, April 23

Friday, April 24

Saturday, April 25

St. Joseph Group – Canceled

Rel Ed. Grades 1 & 2 – CLOSED

Sunday, April 26

OUR LADY'S GUILD

Our Lady's Guild Communion Breakfast scheduled for Sunday May 3 following the 8:30 AM Mass, has been canceled. If things are improved concerning the CoVid-19 virus the Mass will occur but there will not be a breakfast. We are in hopes of planning something here at Sacred Heart if it is permitted. We will keep you informed.



SACRED HEART PARISH 25TH AND 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATION will be RESCHEDULED:

If you are celebrating your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime this year, please contact the Rectory Office and let us know. 845-357-0035. We will need the date and place of your wedding in a Catholic Church.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2020

ALERT

Now more than ever the Archdiocese of New York needs your support. The virus which we realize has impacted us all makes your support if possible, even greater. Parishes are only as strong as its parishioners. As you are aware a church's resources come only through the generosity of its parish family. When things start to return to normal parishes needing support through the Archdiocese can only get it through the funds the Appeal makes yearly. Please consider donating today. Bless you all and pray for an end to this virus. To date we have raised \$40,179 towards our goal of \$122,500.

PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY

**Michael Granis
Lauren Connelly
Anne Wray**

SACRED HEART CHURCH

\$10,000.00 RAFFLE

TICKETS \$100 EACH (1 IN 250 CHANCE TO WIN)

Available at the Rectory: Please call ahead

845-357-0035

Monday to Friday - 9am to 5pm

1ST PRIZE - \$10,000.00

2ND PRIZE - \$1,000.00

3RD PRIZE - \$500.00

Winning tickets will be drawn at 7:00pm in the school gymnasium on Friday, June 19, 2020

THE FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS!

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire You in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You were already there, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You; permit not that I should ever be separated from You. Amen.

SISTERS OF LIFE

Providing Life-affirming choices for women: Here in the Archdiocese of New York, there are many resources that provide women facing unplanned pregnancies with alternatives to abortion. If you know someone who is struggling, please urge them to contact: www.visitationcenterus.org or call (877)777-1277.

“Have you suffered an abortion?” Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sister of Life: 866.575.0075 or e-mail: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org. For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina: 877.586.4621 or e-mail: Lumina@postabortionhelp.org

CRISIS PREGNANCY HOTLINE GOOD COUNSEL HOMES

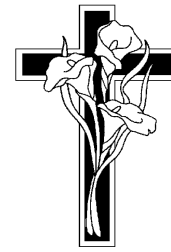
For Pregnancy emergencies call
Any time of day: 1-800-723-8331
www.goodcounselhomes.org

ANUNCIOS

El Grupo de Oración en Español tiene lugar habitualmente los miércoles, a las 8 de la noche en la cafetería. Los próximos bautizos en español tendrán lugar el 18 de mayo 2019 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Jack Allard, Keith Alanis, Jenna Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Michael Brady, Annette Burbridge, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert, Sr., Ginny Figula, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene Gentile, Mark Goldman, Sabinia Grasso, Debra Gravina, Senan Halpin, Roy Harris, Clement Hayes, Mr. Harris, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Susan Jarkiewicz, Anna Kasperska, Eileen Kennedy, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Rosemarie Manthey, Matthew Luludis, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Rosemary McCormick, Rich McDowell, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Jacob Mendelsohn, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Joseph Mikulka, Barbara Neilson, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Nancy Overend, Shace Paljusevic, Peter Princi, Etta Rooney, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, (Baby Ty) Reilly, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Shaun Stein, Janet Tamburro, Richard Vanadio, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, Robert Vogt, Fr. Wing, and Vladimir Zaslavsky.



ALL MASSES WILL BE SAID PRIVATELY BY OUR PARISH PRIESTS DUE TO COVID-19

ALL MASSES AND SERVICES WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.SACREDHEARTPARISH.ORG

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY MASSES WILL BE LIVE STREAMED AT 5:00PM AND SUNDAYS AT 12:00PM

OR HEARD ON AN AUDIO VERSION EMAILED TO OUR EMAIL LIST IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE THE EMAILS SEND YOUR EMAIL TO SHSUFF@GMAIL.COM

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm –Martha & Louise Battaglia

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Dianne Messina

10:00am – John Bukowski, II

11:30am – Lucy Scarpelli

1:00pm – Palma & Henry Heck

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

MONDAY, APRIL 20

7:00am –

9:00am – Charles & Florence Marsalisi

7:15pm – NO Novena

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

7:00am – Cicily Pottem Kulum

9:00am – Frances Finnegan

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

7:00am –

9:00am –

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

7:00am –

9:00am –

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

7:00am –

9:00am – Andrew Haggerty

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

9:00am – Joseph Grant

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm –Rich McDowell

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Marge Gladkowski

10:00am – Carol Hanna

11:30am – Catherine & Daniel Greeley/
Andrew Statham

1:00pm – Marie & Edward Magruder

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society



FOR OUR ARMED FORCES & FIRST RESPONDERS OF ALL KINDS, AND OUR DOCTORS & NURSES

We pray for all the men and women serving our country AND especially the sons and daughters, grandchildren and loved ones of our parishioners.

ALTAR MEMORIALS

APRIL 19, 2020

Altar Wines and Altar Breads, Altar Candles AND

Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of ALL THOSE LOST TO COVID - 19



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones: Especially: Jean Celestin, Thomas Pugliese, and Phil Tisi

BOOSTER CLUB

WEEK 9-Antoinette & Nick LaBruna