



Second Sunday of Easter ~ April 3, 2016 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday



The LORD is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. ~Psalm 118: 14

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday April 2

8:00am- †
5:00pm- † Patricia May

Sunday April 3

8:30am-† Msgr. Agustin J. DiBlasi & Pop
10:00am-~ In Thanksgiving for
Christina Paradiso ~100 years old-
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday April 4

8:00am- † John DeSimone
12:05pm- † Patricia Bartlett

Tuesday April 5

8:00am- ~ For Jim Clark's Health
12:05pm- † Elizabeth Mooney

Wednesday April 6

8:00am- †
12:05pm- †

Thursday April 7

8:00am- †
12:05pm- †

Friday April 8

8:00am- †
12:05pm- †

Saturday April 9

8:00am-†Nancy Pommerenk ~Birthday in Heaven~
5:00pm- † Patricia May

Sunday April 10

8:30am-† June Hayden
10:00am-† Edward & Dolores Zukowski
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions



Mass Intentions

Offered by:
Offered by: Matt & Emily

Offered by: Family
Offered by: Caterina Vitale

Offered by: Annette Esposito
Offered by: Sisters of the
Congregation of Notre Dame

By: Mary & Libby Guardiani
Offered by: daughter, Linda Graves

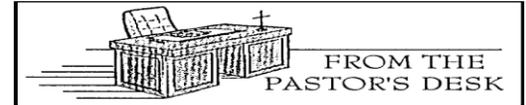
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Offered by: mom, Kay Pommerenk
Offered by: Olga Fialos

Offered by: Family
Offered by: Zukowski Family



Today is Divine Mercy Sunday which occurs within the Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis. It is also the Easter Season in which we celebrate the mercy of God manifested in the saving deed of Jesus Christ. We celebrate, therefore, the trifacta of Divine Mercy!

God's mercy can make even the driest land become a garden; can restore life to dry bones (cf. Ez 37:1-14). ... Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth...and make justice and peace flourish. These wonderful words of Pope Francis remind us of the depth and power of God's mercy. In order to fully experience the power and depth of God's mercy, we must acknowledge our need for that mercy. We are all sinners. None of us live in perfect fidelity to what God expects of us in our relationship with God and in our relationship with other persons. When we recognize our sinfulness, recognize that we are not living our lives in a way that leads us into the richness of life that is God's only desire for us, and then our hearts will seek the mercy that God freely and abundantly offers us. There is no sin, no human fault, and no human action that is greater than the mercy of God! In this Easter season, pray for the grace to feel God's mercy for you in the depth of your heart. Allow God to touch your heart with God's mercy and you will be transformed.

And we know that the mercy of God is transforming our lives when we become agents of God's mercy, channels though which God can water the earth, that is, persons who are instruments of life and hope, instruments of justice and peace, in our world. If God's mercy has truly touched your heart, then you should be able to forgive the person who has offended you. If God's mercy has touched your heart, you should be an instrument of reconciliation within your family if there is now division within your family. If you have been touched by God's mercy, then you should be a person who shows that mercy to those who are in need. If you have been touched by God's mercy, then you should offer that same mercy to immigrants and refugees.

The mercy of God is an incredible gift and one that we must share with all persons!

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candle
Memorial Candle



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Liturgical Minster's Schedule APRIL 2016

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Linda Graves & Tom Ventrudo (carry Gospel Book)
E. M.: Linford Smith, Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Joan Knighton & Linda Torres (carry Gospel Book) Sub: Ceferino Albarracin
E.M.: Maria Oliveras, Linda Torres & Samuel Torres Sub: Delmeter Carey

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Sharely Manuel (carry Gospel Book) Sub: Valerie Cappucci
E. M.: Alexis Crowdell, Emmanuel Fode & Beverly Marryshow Sub: Thelma Washington

SCRIPTURE READINGS

These readings are found complete on our parish web page (www.olmcsi.org). Click on "USCCB Daily Readings."

TODAY: 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16
Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
John 20:19-37

Next Sun: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19



PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THE CARDINAL'S APPEAL! – Your response has been excellent. We need just \$2,300 more in pledges or gifts to meet our goal. Thank you to all who have made a gift or pledge! Envelopes are available in the vestibule and in the office if you would like to contribute to the Campaign. Remember, our parish benefits from this Campaign every day so your support is greatly appreciated.

VENDORS GET READY! – On Sunday, May 22nd, we will offer persons in the parish, and outside the parish, the opportunity to sell hand-crafted items (knitting, crocheting, pottery, jewelry, paintings, etc.). The sale will be in our school gym from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. If you want to reserve a table, please visit the parish office. Each table requires a \$10 donation. This is a great chance for those looking to sell their hand-made items and for our parishioners to find hidden treasures!

COUPLES CELEBRATING 50 YEARS of MARRIAGE – Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2016 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Saturday, June 25th at 1:30 p.m. or Sunday, June 26th at 2:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Please register in the parish office. **The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 24th, 2016.** If you cannot attend either date but would like a certificate from the Archdiocese, you may also register in the parish office.

ASSISTED SUICIDE: UNNECESSARY, FLAWED and DANGEROUS – Monday, April 18th, 7:30 p.m. – St. Charles School Auditorium – 200 Penn Avenue. Sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese.

ST. GIANNA MASS for COUPLES SUFFERING INFERTILITY AND RECURRENT MISCARRIAGES – Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Church of St. Catherine of Sienna – 411 East 68th Street in Manhattan. Following the Mass, there will be an opportunity to meet with Creighton physicians and practitioners who specialize in assisting couples with infertility. For more information, please call Sr. Shirley Ann at 212-371-1011, ext. 3195 or email: sr.shirleyann@archny.org.

THE NEW YORK CATHOLIC BIBLE SUMMIT – Saturday, June 18, 2016 at the New York Catholic Center – 350 East 56th Street. An impressive roster of speakers will break open God's Word to give us new insights. Sean Cardinal O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, will be the homilist and principal celebrant of the opening liturgy. Please go to: www.nyfaithformation.org for more information and registration.

HOLY FATHER EASTER MESSAGE - The Easter message of the risen Christ, a message of life for all humanity, echoes down the ages and invites us not to forget those men and women seeking a better future, an ever more numerous throng of migrants and refugees – including many children – fleeing from war, hunger, poverty and social injustice. All too often, these brothers and sisters of ours meet along the way with death or, in any event, rejection by those who could offer them welcome and assistance. May the forthcoming World Humanitarian Summit not fail to be centered on the human person and his or her dignity, and to come up with policies capable of assisting and protecting the victims of conflicts and other emergencies, especially those who are most vulnerable and all those persecuted for ethnic and religious reasons.

EASTER PRAYER - Christ is risen and with him all creation! Light replaces darkness, joy replaces sadness, life replaces death. There is no failure the Lord's love cannot reverse, no humiliation he cannot exchange with blessing, no anger he cannot dissolve, no routine he cannot transform. All is embraced by the victory of his cross and resurrection.

May we always be good stewards of Easter's light, see Resurrection as a daily event, and yearn for Jesus' love as intensely as he yearns for ours. We pray this in Jesus' name. *Amen.*

WEEKLY OFFERING: Holy Thursday: \$700; Good Friday 3 p.m.: \$658; Good Friday 7 p.m.: \$1,249.

Holy Land: \$400; Holy Saturday: \$1,629. Easter: \$8,219. – Thank you for your generosity!

Divine Mercy Sunday - As today's Gospel puts it, through the belief that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, "you may have life in his name." When we come to really accept who Jesus is, there is no more need for a life of slavery to fear--whatever that fear may be, whether it's fear for our health; fear for our reputation; fear for our comfort; or even fear that our sins are too big for forgiveness. Today as we celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy, we remember that God's love is strong enough to conquer the greatest of all human fears: death itself. This confidence leads us to a renewed joy. As Pope Francis wrote in his declaration of this, the Year of Mercy, "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Once we are firmly established in this hope, we are called to be witnesses of mercy to others. The Holy Father continues with a challenge for all of us, "Jesus asks us also to forgive and to give. To be instruments of mercy because it was we who first received mercy from God."