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Divine Mercy Sunday



We have seen the Lord.

John 20:25

He is Risen

Pray for All the Souls in Purgatory:

Masses this Week

Josephine Coscia and Pasquale D'Amato

Sunday, April 16, In Church

8:00 Ernest & Anna Bruzzese, Alec Bruzzese and Frank & Esther Dilena by family

10:00 Robert D'Ambra Sr. & Robert D'Ambra Jr. by wife and mother Josephine

12:00 Evelyn LaCascia (1st Anniversary) by family

Monday, April 17, In Church

7:AM Edvice & Maria Susi by Laura & John
12:PM

Tuesday, April 18, In Church

7: AM Lorraine Feeley by niece Claire
12:PM Toni & Moe by Vinnie
7: PM

Wednesday, April 19, In Church

7: AM Gina Speziale & family by Laura & John
12:PM

Thursday, April 20, In Church

7:AM Elizabeth Lewis (Memorial) by daughter Nancy
12:PM James C. Magno (3rd Anniversary) by wife Joan

Friday, April 21, In Church

7:AM Giovanna Colangelo by Laura & John
12:PM Antonio Losanno by wife & family
3:PM Adoration & Benediction

Saturday, April 22, In Church

9:AM Community Mass
4:PM Mary Gaito (35th Anniversary) by family

Masses next Sunday April 23, In Church

8:00 Rita Giangregorio by The Giangregorio & Fiuza Family

10:00 Maureen Indrisano by Angelo & Rosa LoGiudice

12:00 Margie, Linda and Dottie by Godmother

Saturday Community Mass 04-22-2023 at 9:00 AM

1. Napoli and D'Arco Families
2. Rev. Edward J. Gaudette
3. Galla Family by son William
4. Philip & Evelyn LaCascia & Carol LaCascia White by family
5. Gina & Antonio Pepe by The Pepe Family
6. Susan E. D'Angelo Bouchard by family
7. Special Healing for James A. DeAngelo Jr by brother
8. Special Healing for Paula DeAngelo by brother
9. Genisio & Cristina Spina by family
10. Lucia Antonelli by daughter
11. Camillo Antonelli by daughter
12. Sandra Anzalone by sister Joann
13. Five Special Souls and All The Souls In Purgatory
14. Irving, Lydia & Thomas Rubin and All the Souls in Purgatory
15. Cedric Igor Jean-Phillpe by Sabine Jean Louis
16. Jennie & Joseph Palermo and Nancy Coviello by family
17. Donna DiLeone by mother
18. James "Jimmy" Celona by St. Anthony
19. Giulia Riera by Mrs. Concetta Russo
20. Frank Pellegrino by mother & sister
21. Ellen Saucier by Joan Bovaird-Dow
22. Lois Polito by Thomas & Christine Rossi
23. Maria Wilson Pecora by Christopher Gaeta
24. G. Douglas Sullivan III by Doris Malveira
25. Carmen DeJesus by Alison & Andy Nagy
26. Mary Ellen (Malcolm) Dewling by Alison Sparks Nagy
27. Nicolino Zullo by Giacomo Ciampi
28. Bryan Jean Louis deliverance from all evils by mom Shella



2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy

News from the Wheel-House

“Those who sincerely say ‘Jesus, I trust in You’ will find comfort in all their anxieties and fears. There is nothing that man needs more than Divine Mercy – that love which is benevolent, which is compassionate, which raises man above his weakness to the infinite heights of the holiness of God.” — St. John Paul I

Dear parish family,

How are you? Hope you had a wonderful and blessed Easter 2023. Here at the church as you all know everything was superb. God was so good and blessed us to have a nice, heartwarming, inspiring and blessed Triduum. As we are graced to celebrate “Divine Mercy Sunday” this weekend I wish and pray that Blessed Lord Jesus, who is full of love and compassion, deliver you from all your fears and anxieties, help you to raise from weakness and vest yourselves with holiness as He did with his apostles in the gospel and also fill your hearts and homes with His love, peace and joy!

Reminder of our Mission: This weekend we celebrate “the Divine Mercy Sunday, the Second Sunday of the Easter season”. Pope John Paul II initiated this feast at the canonization of St. Maria Faustina on April 30, 2000, and then officially decreed by the Vatican. Divine Mercy Sunday can be seen as the convergence of all the mysteries and graces of Holy Week and Easter Week. The feast focuses not only on the light of the Risen Christ into a radiant beam of merciful love and grace for the whole world but also calls us to get reminded of our mission to mirror Jesus through our lives. From the journal of St. Faustina, we come to know that in his revelations to her Jesus expressed His desire to celebrate this special feast. He says that the Feast of Mercy emerged from his very depths of tenderness and mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of his Mercy. Jesus says that the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened and let no soul fear to draw near to him, even though his sins be as scarlet because the Feast of Mercy emerged from the very depths of his tenderness.

This weekend’s gospel stands as a strong proof of his love, compassion and tenderness. Though the apostles had broken His heart by abandoning Him when He needed them, Jesus, not holding the grudges after His resurrection, took the first move to come to the disloyal and weak apostles to show them His mercy and love. He also offered them His Spirit to have the courage and move forward to continue His mission

And He, who did it to them, is commissioning the Church through His disciples and their apostolic succession to perpetuate the work of Divine salvation. This feast calls us to embark on the mission to spread the love of Jesus. Through the readings of this weekend, we are informed that to have the grace and strength to do that mission of mirroring Jesus’ life through our compassion and tenderness we need to celebrate Eucharist. And through the first reading we find that the people belonging to the early Christian community were successful in living the faith because they participated in the breaking of bread or the Holy Eucharist done in memory of Jesus. The Eucharist is the central act of the community.

Finally, they devoted themselves to prayers. Their way of life gives us a strong message that there can be no Christian life without prayer as an essential element of each day. Through the second reading St. Peter encourages us to live the faith staying strong in the face of testing moments because it will certainly bring us the reward from the hand of God. May this Divine Mercy Sunday celebration lift us away from the pit of hard heartedness and offer us the grace to be tender and compassionate to everyone especially who are in need.

Receive the Plenary Indulgence: Indulgences’ Decree attached to devotions in honor of Divine Mercy says “To ensure that the faithful would observe this day with intense devotion, the Supreme Pontiff himself established that this Sunday be enriched by a plenary indulgence, as will be explained below, so that the faithful might receive in great abundance the gift of the consolation of the Holy Spirit. In this way, they can foster a growing love for God and for their neighbor, and after they have obtained God’s pardon, they in turn might be persuaded to show a prompt pardon to their brothers and sisters”. Here at St. Anthony’s on this Divine Mercy Sunday for the faithful to receive the plenary indulgence, the Sacrament of Confession will be offered from 11:15AM to 12Noon and right after the 12Noon Mass we will also have the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. Kindly take time to have the blessings of those faith events.

Reserve the Date: Our patron St. Anthony’s feast is fast approaching. To mark and celebrate it we are going to have the party on June 10, 2023 Saturday after the 4:00PM Mass. Starting from this weekend onwards the tickets for the party are on sale at the vestibule after the weekend Masses and at the rectory during the weekdays. Kindly save the date, buy the tickets and join us.

Well, here goes the bell calling me to go and hold the Wheel. Before I go, let me say, “God bless you” and assure you of my continual prayers for your greater good!

Happy & Blessed Divine Mercy Sunday!
Your Administrator,
Fr. Xavier

2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy



Sanctuary Candle
April, 2023
Donated

In Loving Memory
of
Glenn Boland & Dennis Folan
Liz Grey & Families
by

Genie Boland



Eucharistic Hosts
April, 2023
Donated

In Loving Memory

of

Cara Birritteri
by
Loving Family



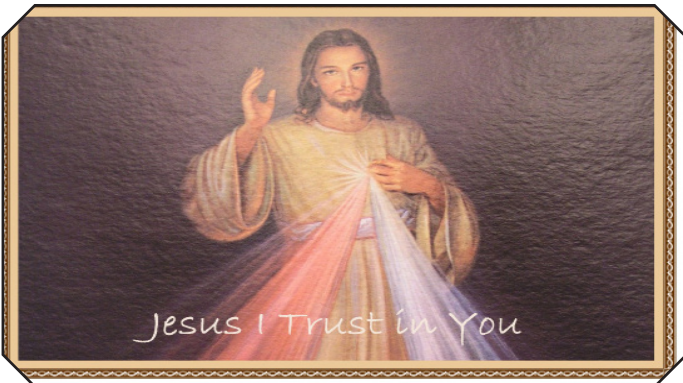
My Brother's Table
April, 2023
Donated

In Loving Memory

of

Ernest and Anna Bruzzese
by

Ernest & Joyce Bruzzese Jr.



Faith Formation News

“Alleluia! Christ the Lord is Risen Today! From all of us on the Faith Formation team, we wish all our families and children a blessed Easter season!

Palm Sunday weekend: Thank you to all our students, confirmation candidates and adult confirmation candidates for your beautiful reenactment of the Passion Narrative. So many people commented on what an amazing experience you provided for our parish family! Each and every one of you are such a blessing! It was great to hear as we were wrapping up this year's play that many of you want to participate next year! Even some of our confirmation candidates that will be confirmed in May want to return next year!

I also want to thank the Passion Play team for all the hard work, and dedication you gave to our kids this year! Thank you Father Xavier, Jessica, Michelle, Kayla, Brittany, Noelle, Andres, Bob and Ann and especially to our student assistants, Giada and Brienne!

Thank you so much to all of you that donated to support the Indian Mission Children in Father Xavier's parish in India. Your generosity will help so many children who are in need.

\$2500 dollars was collected!

Mite Box Collection: Thank you to the generosity of our Faith Formation families, we were able to give a donation to Father Xavier in the amount of \$483.00 for his Indian Mission Children in his home parish in India!

Upcoming Events in Faith Formation:

April 30th: Confirmation 1 and 2 and Adult candidates will have a class starting at 1:15 in the Faith Formation building. We have a group of guest speakers who will talk about their faith journey on the topic, “Confirmed...Now What?” Please plan on being present until 2:45 today.

May 4th: First Holy Communion Rehearsal at 5:00 in the church.

May 6th: Confirmation 1 and 2 and Adult Candidates- retreat from 9:00-1:00 in the Faith Formation Building. The retreat will be led by a husband and wife team, Adolfo and Belinda Diaz who are missionaries from the group “Ad Gentes.”

May 7th: First Holy Communion Mass at 10:00.

May 14th: May Procession in honor of our Blessed Mother at 10:00 Mass

May 14th: Presentation Mass for our Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors at 12:00 Mass

May 16th: Rehearsal for Confirmation candidates and sponsors at 6:00 in the church

May 21st: Confirmation Mass at 12:00 Noon

Please know that you are in my prayers!

Donna Felzani

2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy

Reading 1 Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

R. (1) Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting.

or:

R. Alleluia.

Reading 2 1 Pt 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.



Readings To-Go!

2nd Sunday of Easter
April 16, 2023

Scan QR code to see
this week's readings!

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Divine Mercy Sunday

*The Origin of Divine Mercy Sunday,
the Divine Mercy Image, the Chaplet and the Novena*

Saint Faustina

Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. St. John Paul II explains:

This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, nazism and communism, were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercy-the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church.

-Pope Saint John Paul II, *Memory and Identity* (2005)

Divine Mercy Sunday

St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed, for example:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. 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 Let no soul fear to draw near to Me It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary, no. 699)

On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.



The Image

Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (Diary, no. 742).

The Chaplet and Novena

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy was also given to St. Faustina with this promise: "Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you" (Diary, no. 1541). "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy" (Diary, no. 687). Jesus gave St. Faustina nine intentions for which to pray the Chaplet beginning on Good Friday and ending on the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday.



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