

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Jesus, I trust in you!

Peace be
with you.
As the Father
has sent Me,
So I send you.

Receive the
Holy Spirit,
whose sins
you forgive
are forgiven
them, and
whose sins
you retain
are retained.

John 20:21-23

APRIL 16TH 2023



Please remember your Church Weekly Offering. You can either mail it in or do it by Electronic Giving@www.HolyFamilyChurch.org/Give

Table with 2 columns: Offering Name and Amount. Includes Sunday, 4/1 (80) \$ 2,928.01, E-Giving (24) \$ 777.00, Mail Ins (6) \$ 245.00, Second Collection \$ 241.00, Easter (6) \$ 525.00, Easter Flowers (18) \$ 410.00, Holy Thursday \$ 60.00, 50/50 (6) \$ 60.00, Military Services (1) \$ 25.00.

Table with 2 columns: Offering Name and Amount. Includes TOTAL \$ 5,030.01, Easter (70) \$ 5,466.00, Sunday, 4/9 (61) \$ 3,098.67, Easter Flowers (21) \$ 581.00, Holy Land (20) \$ 564.00, Holy Thursday (26) \$ 503.00, Second Collection \$ 188.50, Rice Bowl (14) \$ 20.00, Military Services (2) \$ 10.00, 50/50 (1) \$ 10.00.

TOTAL \$10,441.17

The second collection this weekend will be for the Parish.



In your prayers, you are asked to pray for all the sick of the parish and those who care for them especially, Josephine Barry, Ashley Brown, Christopher Browne, Megan Duffy, Daniel Evans, Terry Flanagan, Jane Latta, Edward Lawnton, Candida Leodora, Lisa Long, Maeve Mahon, Mary McCormick, Erin McFarlane, Megan McHugh, Floss Payne, Anthony Pelle, Ronald Rigler, Daniel Seddon, Bill and Theresa Sherwin, Fred Smeltzer, Ava Snick, Frances Sprenkle, and Roy (Toysie) Turvey, Jr.

PRAYER LIST REQUEST

If you have someone or know someone who is sick and would like them listed under the PRAYER REQUEST, please call Holy Family Rectory, 215-482-0450, Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 3 PM.



LCPL. Shane Canavan, Sgt. Shane Carlson, Sgt. Tyler Manigly, RTC Dominic Remolde, Captain Zach Schwatka, Col. Scott Shore, and Cpl. Christopher Starrett.



SATURDAY, APRIL 15th – 4:00pm

Rita Riddle, requested by Joe and Mary Ellen Aylmer

SUNDAY, APRIL 16th – EASTER SUNDAY

9:00am

Martha Syrnick, requested by Joe and Mary Beth Syrnick

11:00am

Sherri Currier, requested by Anne and Debbie Currier

MONDAY, APRIL 17th - 8:00am

Enrico Giorno, requested by Anne and Debbie Currier

TUESDAY, APRIL 18th - 8:00am

Aloysius O’Harra

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19th – 8:00am

Our Parishioners

THURSDAY, APRIL 20th – 8:00am

Adaline O’Harra

FRIDAY, APRIL 21st – 8:00am

Special Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 22nd – 4:00pm

Doris, Maryann, Eileen and Dave, requested by Betty Thummel

SUNDAY, APRIL 23rd

Bridget Walsh, requested by Nora Patterson

11:00am

Anna Giorno, requested by Anne and Debbie Currier

IN LOVING Memory

Please pray for the happy repose of all the faithful departed especially Silvio (Rocky) Long and Catherine Mondì.



SATURDAY, APRIL 15th

4:00pm

Grace Welsh

SUNDAY, APRIL 16th

9:00am

Joseph Arturo

11:00am

Jocelyn Welsh



SATURDAY, APRIL 15th

4:00pm

Debbie O' Donnell

SUNDAY, APRIL 9th

9:00am

Louisa Mancuso

11:00am

Tom Seigharter



SATURDAY, APRIL 15th

4:00 pm

Kathy Duffy

SUNDAY, APRIL 16th

9:00am

Mary Reed

11:00am

Dorothea Richardson



REQUEST MASS INTENTIONS

The Church Mass Book for 2023 is now opened. If you would like Masses said for this year contact Holy Family Rectory, 215-482-0450, Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 3 PM.



The Winner of the 50/50 Raffle for March was Tom Payne. Don't forget to your 50/50 Raffle envelopes for April in.

ENVELOPE PACKET

You will find new special envelopes in your monthly mailing. This product will not be as easy to use as our old envelopes. We hope to have an easier envelope to use in the future. In the meantime, please do not be discouraged. IT WILL GET FIXED.

HOLY FAMILY CHILDCARE NEWS

At Holy Family Child Care, a number of exciting things are happening. We are happy to introduce a new Classroom upstairs for our 2.5 – 3.5 years olds as we welcome new families on a weekly basis. Together with our new instructors, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to those new families.

Our aim is to offer a high-quality early education program in a supportive and stimulating environment so that children can later venture out into the world an share the love of Christ to transform minds and hearts.

Great Holy Family Childcare News!

Due to the increasing enrollment of our new and improved Childcare Center, we are looking for early childhood teachers to join our Family. Please send your resume to APresley@holyfamilychildcare.org or by calling 215-482-0450. Part-time and Full-time positions available



MANNA CAN FOOD COLLECTION

The MANNA Canned Food Collection affords our faith community an opportunity to express concern for needy people living within the geographic area of our own Archdiocese. Many struggling families and individuals turn to our emergency food cupboards for support during times of crisis. While all ages are represented in the face of hunger, sadly the burden of poverty rests most heavily on our children. Their lives are blessed by the generosity of the faithful of our parishes.



HOLY LAND DISCOVERY TOUR

SEPTEMBER 1 – 8, 2023

CATHOLIC ITINERARY

Mass is included. The roots of your faith will come to life on this extraordinary journey through Israel. Starting from Tel Aviv, visit some of the main archaeological, historical, and biblical sites, and follow in the footsteps of Jesus as you learn more about His life and ministry. To stand in the very places where history unfolded is a true highlight as you visit important sites of the Gospel, such as Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Cana, the Mount of Beatitudes, the River Jordan valley, Bethlehem, and last, but not least, Jerusalem. This extraordinary Israel tour is designed for value-minded travelers. Hotel; Transportation, Guides, Historians, 7 breakfasts, 4 Dinners are included.

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REFLECTIONS FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

During the telecast of the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II, one of the commentators mentioned how the sunlight caught the diamonds encrusted on the Imperial State Crown that was set atop the coffin. She remarked that those jewels emitted a powerful blue light for a few seconds as the cortege passed by.

Recalling that comment, I find that momentary glance at a beam of sunlight reflected by diamonds on a crown is a perfect metaphor for God's nature. Like the facets of a diamond, His nature as Light of the World has so many beautiful consequences. Take, for example, God's goodness. What a comfort it is amid the success of so many evils in our world. The same for God's other qualities like His love, His justice, or His omnipotence,

Today the Church invites us to pay attention in a special way to God's mercy. It is that consoling quality of His that we sinners depend on for our hope and trust. Specifically, the Church designates this day as "Divine Mercy Sunday." The feast was so named such by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of the nun Sr. Faustina Kowalski. The new saint who had experienced a series of personal revelations from God.

The most comprehensive revelation can be found in Sister Faustina's diary, where Our Lord said, in part: *"My daughter, tell the world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners."*

The Easter Octave (8th Day) has always been centered on the theme of Divine Mercy and forgiveness. Jesus announces peace to His startled disciples. No upbraiding or scolding of them over their Good Friday desertion. He makes the case that behind the whole mystery of what He had suffered and His resurrection was all part of a plan for their redemption and ours as well.

God's mercy is just one facet of the great "diamond" which is His nature. But what a consolation that is to us when we have sinned! It is sad that so many of our fellow Catholics seem to absolve themselves these days so to speak. They are missing out on this sacramental channel of God's authentic mercy in the confessional and walking around with hurting souls and risking sacrilege by approaching the Eucharist in their condition.

In the 1930s, a correspondent for the "London Times," researching on many of the problems we now have, ended every article with this statement: "What's wrong with the world?" Gilbert Keith Chesterton, the great English writer, philosopher and Christian apologist, wrote a famous reply. "Dear editor: What's wrong with the world? I am. Faithfully yours, G.K. Chesterton." I freely admit that I would have to write the same response. What about you? "Kyrie eleison" (Lord, have mercy.)

God love you and give you His peace.



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped fill 600 Easter Eggs! We were able to fill the eggs and have great conversation with fellow Parishioners! Stay tuned for the next social event.

Thank you to all the families who attended our Easter Egg Hunt! We had 600 eggs for the children to hunt, even some “eggstra” special golden eggs the children were able to pick a special prize.



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