



From the Pastor's Desk

This Second Sunday of Easter, the eighth day of Easter also now called Sunday of Divine Mercy, locked doors could not keep the Risen Lord from coming to His disciples! He comes to bring peace, the Holy Spirit, forgiveness, and the power to forgive then and today...

*God of everlasting mercy,
Who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast
kindle the faith of the people
You have made Your own,
increase, we pray, the grace You have bestowed,
that all may grasp and rightly understand
in what font they have been washed,
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.*

Amen.

Collect, Second Sunday of Easter, Roman Missal, 3rd Edition

Family Perspectives

The Spirit of the Risen Jesus is present in the midst of families locked behind doors of hurt, pain, and resentment. Have courage to believe His promise of peace. Choose to reach out and ask Him for help if your marriage is strained. Take the first step toward forgiving the person who hurt you most. "Do not be unbelieving but believe."

Profession of Faith

Congratulations and blessings to Benjamin Brandt on his Profession of Faith, Confirmation, First Eucharist, and to his sponsor, Spencer Williams. Welcome Ben into full communion with the Church.

General Intercessions

That God's mercy may move our hearts to be merciful and take the first step toward forgiveness and reconciliation, especially between estranged fathers and their children. Let us pray to the Lord.

Special Request for Prayers

Please remember in your prayer Dianna Osterman (mother of Marda Perotta), all the sick and those who have asked for our prayerful support. Mary help of the Sick pray for them. Amen.

April 22	Saturday within the Octave of Easter
5:00pm	Mass (<i>M. Lorraine Gresock</i>)
April 23	Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)
8:30am	Mass (<i>People of the Parish</i>)
9:40am	Parish School of Religion (Woodridge)
11:00am	Mass (<i>Josephine "Jo" Milhoan</i>)
3:00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions
April 24	Monday Easter Weekday; St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr Yom Shoah (Holocaust Memorial Day)
8:30am	Mass (<i>James Anson</i>)
7:30pm	Bible Study "Joy of the Gospel" (Church Hall)
April 25	Tuesday St. Mark, Evangelist
8:30am	Mass (<i>Thomas Meeker</i>)
April 26	Wednesday Easter Weekday
6:45pm	Avilas Prayer Group for Vocations (Church)
8:00pm	AA Meeting (Church Hall)
April 27	Thursday Easter Weekday
8:30am	Mass (<i>Robert Bish</i>)
April 28	Friday Easter Weekday; St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest
8:30am	Mass (<i>Arleen Endy, d. 4/12/2017</i>)
April 29	Saturday St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
4:00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00pm	Mass (<i>James "Jim" Conroy, d. 5/02/2015</i>)
April 30	Third Sunday of Easter
8:30am	Mass (<i>People of the Parish</i>)
9:40am	Parish School of Religion (Woodridge)
11:00am	Mass (<i>Donna Salek</i>)

Divine Mercy Sunday

Today, Divine Mercy Sunday, at 3:00pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet...holy hour concludes with Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament. It is an opportunity for special graces. "Jesus, I trust in You."

Scriptures for Week of April 23, 2017

Sunday	Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
Monday	Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday	1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday	Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
Friday	Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday	Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
Sunday	Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35



*Read and pray daily
the Scriptures.*



April 23, 2017
Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday of Divine Mercy

**Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."
*John 20:29***

Please Pray For



Ann, Benich, Richard Bennett, Celia Bican, Dennis Babb, Logan Boone, James Brigotti, Heidi Burmeister, Johannah Conner, Frank, Millie Fritz, Tom Gardner, Chris Gibbs, James Ging, Marilyn Griffith, Angie Grimes, Jennifer Grimes, Tayha Hostetler, Kathy James, Ellen Jansen, Jill, Kathleen Jones, Maureen Joyce, Marca Kaplar, Helen Kracker, Carol Leach, Ramona Lucas, Paul Marcene, John McDermott, Megan, Annalisa Menke, Audrey Menke, Menke Family, Bill Misencik, Marjorie Morgan, Molly, Ashley Munoz, Natalie, Nate, Carroll O'Donnell, Richard Edward and Richard William Parker, Anika Patrick, Bridget Perez, Michael Phillips, Jacqueline Polcen, Edna Raber, Rita, Bruno Ruppel, Rosanne Sanford, Bonita, Steve Sheets, Dylan Trecaso, Mallory Trecaso, Theresa "Tess" Slenn, Miriam Sommers, Stephen Sommer, Shirley Southard, Amy Stephen, Paul Stephen, Bruce Styles, Marla Sliwinski, Clara Szydlowski, Patty Tesmer, Laura Tories, Marianne, Stephen, Paul Trecaso, Sylvia Trecaso, Patricia Wiatrowski, the refugees (the many are children), those seeking spiritual healing, suffering with any addiction and all who are forgotten...

In your Charity

Please pray for *Thomas Sylvester*, dear friend of *Rosanne Sanford*, and also *Nancy Karmitzski*, mother-in-law of *Cindy Karmitzski*. May *Thomas*, *Nancy*, and all who have gone before us in Faith live now in the joy of the Resurrection. May their family and friends be consoled. Amen.

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A "Caring and Sharing" session for those struggling with divorce, separation or widowhood will be held Monday, April 24 from 7:30-9pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail in Cuyahoga Falls. Marlene Maruna, a retired Social Worker, will facilitate this session. Open at no charge to people of all faiths. For more info, call Marlene at 330-607-6284.

There's Hope

Many in our region are struggling with the pain and devastation caused by the heroin epidemic. As you've read in the paper and on the internet, and seen on the news, it's a painful struggle that is gripping our region and our state. There is always hope and there are pathways to find help. If you, or someone you know, is struggling with addiction or needs help in supporting a family member, go to www.GreaterthanHeroin.com. It's a website prepared by civic and faith leaders across our region to help show the way to hope and recovery.

Catholic Relief Services

Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say thank you! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at any Mass.

Good Friday Collection

Thank you for your kind prayers and support of the Pontifical Good Friday Collection. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education in the Holy Land. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. Visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday for more info about Christians in the Holy Land.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds programs, such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training, to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. Additional information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Weekend of April 16, 2017

Sunday Offering	70.00
Easter Offering 2017 (additional)	5,899.00
Monthly Offering	345.00
Easter Decorations	15.00
Holy Land (additional)	509.00
CRS Rice Bowl (additional)	493.45
Special Easter Donation	2,000.00

Thank you for your generous support!