

# Sunday Of Divine Mercy

April 7, 2024

## Mass Intentions

April	8	8:00 AM	NO MASS
April	9	8:00 AM	Susan J. Young requested by Bill MacAvoy
April	10	8:00 AM	Leonard Leonetti requested by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst
April	11	8:00 AM	Rudolph Potetz requested by Patti Gravante
April	12	8:00 AM	Intentions Of All Children requested by Gene & Kathy Odatto
April	13	5:00 PM	Anne & Angelo Altavilla requested by Louise Kline
April	14	8:00 AM	Janet Flickinger requested by Kathy Landis
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

## Liturgical Ministries April 13-14

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
8:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Mary Zimmerman	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Jory Harlan	Scott Dunkelberger	Anna & Julia Sheaffer Christopher Harlan
10:30 AM	Nicole Wood	Nancy Stanton	The Robinson Family Jacob Innerst

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

April 14

Mike & Robin Chiccini

April 21

Madeline Rogers & Pat Harshberger

## Next Sunday's Readings

*Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from the Sacred Scriptures*

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

1 John 2:1-5

Luke 24:35-48

## Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,304.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,178.00

The Easter Collection amounted to: \$1,093.00

**May God Bless you for your generous and responsible stewardship!!!**

## Church Calendar

### **Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> (Divine Mercy Sunday)**

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

Confirmation Mass, 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Divine Mercy Devotions, 2:45PM

### **Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

No Mass

### **Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

### **Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

### **Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

### **Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:00AM

### **Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Sunday Vigil Mass, 5:00PM

### **Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter)**

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Eucharistic Adoration, 11:30AM – 7:00PM

40 Hours Eucharistic Devotions, 7:00PM

## From the Pastor's Desk:

We tend to think poorly of Saint Thomas for his doubt, when what is really most amazing in the scene from today's



scene from today's Gospel is his understanding, and the first public pronouncement of, Jesus Christ's divinity. He gets it. And he proclaims it without hesitation: "My Lord and my God." I think about what Thomas' face might have looked like at that moment,

and I imagine a countenance of conviction alongside humility – joyful tears in the eyes that reflect awe and wonder. The truth behind his realization and understanding is that God is faithful, God is loving, God is merciful. Of course, knowing that with our heart and mind needs to be translated into doing with our every action. The early Christian communities seemed to have lived this well, happily sharing their

possessions and selling what they didn't need. Not because they had been forced to, but because the "commandments [were] not burdensome" for those who loved God. God loved us first, and by his grace, and his mercy, we are commanded and empowered to love one another.

God is merciful – Divine Mercy. And that is what we celebrate today, in addition to the second Sunday of Easter. The first Divine Mercy Sunday observance occurred in the year 2000, when Saint John Paul II canonized Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska. The Polish sister received private revelations from the Lord about his great mercy in the 1930s, and she outlined these in a diary she kept at the instruction of her confessors. A passage from her diary says: "The graces of my mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is — trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive." (1578) The apostles in today's passage told Thomas that they had seen the Lord – the resurrected Lord. They trusted that Jesus' messages to them were true and that they indeed need not fear. The message of Divine Mercy should likewise comfort us and also provide a model for our actions. In the same way the apostles helped Thomas to trust and come to deep knowledge and understanding, let us strive to be "of one heart and mind" with our fellow disciples and love them as we have been loved by God.

The words of Saint Faustina's diary have been used to create the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. This prayer is said using a rosary, but with some differences in the prayers. Once you know the words, the chaplet is a simple prayer to recite, and it is traditionally said at 3 p.m. in remembrance of Jesus' merciful act of dying on the cross for us. If you have never recited the chaplet, try praying it this week and join us for devotions this afternoon.

**Remember the Sick of our Parish** in your charity and prayers: John Kapp, Rosemary Anderson, Cathy Steiner, Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Jeanette Fasick, Pat Widdowson, Kay Dorundo, Mike Brennan, Gene Odato, Annetta Round, Marian Shatto, Joann Speis, Joni Lawrence, Shirley Scotta, Linda Toomey, Samantha Strazisar, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

**Deacon Robinson's Contact Information:** Contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (602-6298) or [deacon.robinson@anologyapologetics.com](mailto:deacon.robinson@anologyapologetics.com).

**Online Information:** You can access the weekly bulletin and other information at our parish website ([www.stbernardsnbpa.org](http://www.stbernardsnbpa.org)).

**Diocesan Men's Conference** is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 7:30AM – 3:30PM at the Diocesan Center in Harrisburg. The theme for this year's conference is "Saint Joseph: the Carpenter's Table." Featured keynote speaker is Jon Leonetti, a Catholic Best-selling author, and Radio Host. You can register for the conference at [www.hbgdiocese.org/men](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/men).

**Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast:** The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast to benefit Lourdeshouse on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:15AM. There will be a guest speaker from Catholic Charities. CCD Students in

6th grade or higher are invited to attend at no cost with a signed parental permission slip. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, and drinks. The requested adult donation for breakfast is \$10.00. We will also be collecting specific items for Lourdeshouse. A sign-up for breakfast and a list of needed items are posted on the bulletin board.

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** You are cordially invited to attend Divine Mercy Devotions on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2:45PM. Confessions will be heard from 2:00 – 2:45PM. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at three O'clock.



**Retreat for First Holy Communion:** Our second graders who are preparing for their First Holy Communion are reminded of a spiritual retreat for them on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, beginning at 4:00PM in the Hall. Our children will also practice for the procession and reception of Holy Communion. Children can be picked up at 6:30PM.

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** We welcome Bishop Senior, who will be present in our parish this Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on five of our young people.



Confirmation will be celebrated during the 10:30 Mass. Confirmands are reminded to be present at 9:30AM in the Parish Hall to meet Bishop Senior and speak with him prior to Mass. A reception will take place after the ceremony in the Hall. At that time, you and your family will have an opportunity to take a picture with the Bishop.

**Rev. Mr. Michael Pray** is being proposed by Bishop Senior for ordination to the Priesthood on June 1, 2024. This announcement is made in accordance with the law of the Church. If anyone knows of any reason why Michael Pray should not be ordained a priest, they have an obligation in conscience to contact the pastor of this parish or Father Joshua Weaver, Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Harrisburg, as soon as possible.



**Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions** are scheduled for *Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, April 14, 15, 16, 2024*. The Forty Hours Devotion is an opportunity to gather as a parish family before the Blessed Sacrament to pray before the Lord in solemn adoration. It gives us time to deepen our appreciation of the importance of the mystery of the Most Holy Eucharist in our lives.



This devotion should hold a special place in the life of a parish family because the Most Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith and unity with Christ. Deacon Leo Dornan, who will be ordained a priest in May, will be our preacher for the devotions which begin each evening at 7:00PM. Please use these days as a spring spiritual retreat. ***Adorers are needed to keep watch with the Blessed Sacrament during the day.*** Please sign up at the bulletin Board in the narthex.

**The Lord is Risen!  
He is Truly Risen!!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**