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Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:30 & 10:45 am Weekday: 12:05 pm

Holy Day: Call the Parish Office or See Notices

Confession: Mon. thru Fri., 11:45 am

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 23, 2017

Mass Intention: Josephine S. Krbpacz

TODAY'S MUSIC

ENTRANCE	#467
Sing With All the Saints in Glory	
PSALM	#838
Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting.	
OFFERTORY	#451
The Strife is O're	
COMMUNION	#447
O Sons and Daughters	
RECESSIONAL	#520
All Creatures of Our God and King	

Holy Communion – *This is a reminder that Holy Communion, in the Catholic Church, is reserved to actively practicing Catholics. If you are not Catholic or have not been actively practicing your faith, then please refrain from receiving Communion. If you would like to learn how to be welcomed to full Communion, we would love to help. All you need to do is contact a priest. Our contact info is in this bulletin.*

LECTOR & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

TODAY'S MASS

8:30 am: Samantha Perez Extraordinary Ministers: Barbara Goode, Bill Lipchak, Samantha Perez

FINANCE: Rose & Roger Mayer, Tom Fahed

10:45 am: Richard Williams Extraordinary Ministers: Nancy Gowen, Jim Martinelli, Marie Martinelli

FINANCE: Steve Gerloff, Mary Wayte

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30 am: Will Rogers Extraordinary Ministers: Kim Taylor, Linda Shisler, Maggie Wilkins

FINANCE: Doug Dewing, Ron Hurst, Chris Thomas

10:45 am: Leila Christenbury Extraordinary Ministers: Joe Naman, Mimi Schoof, Nancy Gowen

FINANCE: John Rogers, Patty Talley

HOMEBOUND/HOSPITALIZED

David Adams, Charlie Aldridge, Carolyn Alford, Steve Campbell, David Coffman, Bill Holzgreffe, Shirley Hudson, Camilla Hull (mother of Doyle Hull), Connie Klyver, (friend of Ginnie & Marilyn), Maria Konwerska, Cathy Lipchak, Emma Mednikov, Jim Melton, Jesse Oliver, Darnetta Robinson, Rachel Robinson, Marilyn Reilly, Nancy Severns, Beulah Taylor, Craig Trowbridge, Greg Stowers, Bob Webster. Thank you for your prayers.

If you know of anyone who is sick, hospitalized, homebound, or dying and desires a visit from a priest, please call or email us. Without your help, we have no way of knowing.

SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.:	Mass Intention: Pauline Guard
Tues.:	Mass Intention: Adelaide Thurman
Tues.:	Social Ministry: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Wed.:	Mass Intention: Columbus Donati
Thurs.:	Mass Intention: Eleanor McGahey
Fri.:	Mass Intention: Ellen Lyons

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a very special day in the Church and very much related to Easter which we continue to celebrate.

Divine Mercy Sunday was proclaimed by Saint John Paul II and was a result of a series of visions that occurred to a young Polish nun named Faustina Kowalska. She has since been declared a saint. One of the great graces of these visions is that she kept a diary that was released to the public that we can read. It contains her personal thoughts and experiences as well as the words said to her by Jesus during the visions. The diary is called "Divine Mercy in My Soul." Here are a few wonderful quotes.

"Suffering is a great grace; through suffering the soul becomes like the Savior; in suffering love becomes crystallized; the greater the suffering, the purer the love." (57)

“The future is not mine; with all my soul I try to make use of the present moment.” (351)

“Great love can change small things into great ones, and it is only love which lends value to our actions. And the purer our love becomes, the less there will be within us for the flames of suffering to feed upon, and the suffering will cease to be a suffering for us; it will become a delight! By the grace of God, I have received such a disposition of heart that I am never so happy as when I suffer for Jesus, whom I love with every beat of my heart.” (140)

“I will not allow myself to be so absorbed in the whirlwind of work as to forget about God.” (82)

“A soul does not benefit as it should from the sacrament of confession if it is not humble. Pride keeps it in darkness. The soul neither knows how, nor is it willing, to probe with precision the depths of its own misery. It puts on a mask and avoids everything that might bring it recovery.” (113)

“O my Jesus, You have tested me so many times in this short life of mine! I have come to understand so many things, and even such that now amaze me. Oh, how good it is to abandon oneself totally to God and to give Him full freedom to act in one’s soul!” (134)

“He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God. As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart.” (390)

“When I see that the burden is beyond my strength, I do not consider or analyze it or probe into it, but I run like a child to the Heart of Jesus and say only one word to Him: “You can do all things.” And then I keep silent, because I know that Jesus Himself will intervene in the matter, and as for me, instead of tormenting myself. I use that time to love Him.” (1033)

“O Christ, if my soul had known, all at once, what it was going to have to suffer during its lifetime, it would have died of terror at the very sight; it would not have touched its lips to the cup of bitterness. But as it has been given to drink a drip at a time, it has emptied the cup to the very bottom. O Christ, if You Yourself did not support the soul, how much could it do of itself? We are strong, but with Your strength; we are holy, but with Your holiness. And of ourselves, what are we? – less than nothing...” (1086)

“I remind you, My daughter, that as often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke its omnipotence for the whole world, and particularly for poor sinners; for at that moment mercy was open wide for every soul. In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of grace for the whole world – mercy triumphed over justice.” (1572)

“Today the Lord said to me, ‘Daughter, when you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul and ennobles it. Every time you go to confession, immerse

yourself entirely in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of Mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity. The torrent of grace inundate humble souls. The proud remain always in poverty and misery, because My grace turns away from them to humble souls.” (1602)

Enjoy Divine Mercy Sunday!!!
Fr. Rossi

Budgeted Weekly Income	\$3,288.00
Collection	8,399.75
Gain	\$5,111.75

Thank you!!! – In addition to saying Happy Easter, I want to give everyone who helped make our Easter liturgies so reverent and beautiful a big THANK YOU!!!

We had so many from all our parishes who put in extra time – cantors, musicians, singers, our awesome staff here at our parishes, our lectors, our excellent and faithful catechists who prepared our newly baptized, all the folks who helped with decorations, and so many more!!!

Thank you!!! My hope is that you will feel the satisfaction of a job well done for God and will help again in the future. Please!!!

Fr. Rossi

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY On April 23, 2017 at St. Patrick, we will be observing Divine Mercy Sunday. This is open to all parishes. Starting at **2:00 pm** we will have a short video about the origin of Divine Mercy Sunday and the gift of Plenary Indulgence. This will be followed by a Divine Mercy Prayer Service at **3:00 pm**. Jesus made a promise about the Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday), that the soul that would go to Confession (within 20 days before) and receive Holy Communion on that feast day would “obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.” (Diary 699)

Confession available at 2:00 pm.

Outreach & Social Ministry – 146 lunches were served on Tuesday, April 18. 87 dinners were served on Wednesday, April 19, 2017. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who serve God’s people.

<p><u>The Bishop Barron Series</u> – St. John Newman - will start on April 23, 2017 immediately following 8:30 am Mass, in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.</p>

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