



# St. William the Abbot

Roman Catholic Church



## April 7, 2024 - Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

### Weekly Schedule

#### Daily Mass

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12n

#### Live-Streamed Masses

Monday - Friday: 8:30am

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 12n

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday - Saturday: 7:15am - 8:20am

Saturday: 3:45pm - 4:50pm

#### Adoration

Monday - Saturday: 7:15am - 8:20am

First Friday of the Month: 9am - 5pm

#### Private Prayer

Monday - Friday: 7:15am - 6pm

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

John 20:29

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, April 7, 2024

Joseph Perenti

Valentine Nacci

Margaret & William Hampel

#### Collective Intentions

People of St. William's

Valdez-LeGoff Family

Deborah Marie Calderon

Michael Mosca

George C. Kirinkos

#### Monday, April 8, 2024

#### Collective Intentions

Cathy Grace

James Brennan

Irene Rosen

Josephine Eichner

Margaret Kellner

#### Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Sr. JoAnn Bonaro

#### Wed., April 10, 2024

Esther Stephan

#### Thurs., April 11, 2024

Edwin J. Boden

#### Friday, April 12, 2024

Kenneth Fehling

#### Saturday, April 13, 2024

Purgatorial Society

#### Collective Intentions

People of St. William's

Roberto Giancaterino

Grazietta & Donato Marrone

Ralph Sabatelli

Ellen Magistro

Theodore Allen Purrington,

Sr.

### Pray for the Sick

Richard Ament

Jerry Milbach

Sal Lupo

John O'Hara

Richard Fedyk

Lucas Argiro

Laurie Yard

Keith Gorton

### Pray for the Deceased

Maureen Quinn

Joseph A. Oliveri, Jr.

Eleanor M. Bazyk

Kathleen F. Guele

Elfriede J. Bennett

Nicholas DiTerlizzi

### Wine and Hosts

The Wine and Hosts used at Mass this week have been donated in honor of the Parishioners of St. William the Abbot

### Pillar of Formation

This weekend is Divine Mercy Sunday. Learn about the extraordinary graces that are available to you on this day. Also, take time to read about St. Faustina and Jesus' Divine Mercy.

## Divine Mercy and the Continued Easter Joy

“Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.” As a community of faith, we seem to get the whole concept of Lent - the three pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. So many of you shared God’s victory in those areas, and also at times you struggled in Lent 2024. It is rare that we practice Lent perfectly individually, or as a church. But as Catholics, we tend to strive for the mark better with aesthetic practices and prayer when we enter into the forty days of the desert. Then... Easter hits, and then what? Do we fall back into some of those bad habits, or allow for the distractions of work, activities, screens, and busyness to take over again?

The past 8 days (the Easter Octave) are liturgically celebrated as a continuation of Easter Sunday. At the daily Mass we read and pray over the Resurrection accounts that are so familiar, Mary Magdalen goes to the tomb, the disciples walk to Emmaus, as well as Peter and John running to the tomb, and of course today with doubting Thomas putting his hand in Jesus’ side. My sisters and brothers, Easter is not just one day – in fact, we spend 50 days attempting to celebrate as if it is a single joyful feast known as the Eastertide. This is a period of fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. It’s a time to remember that Jesus wasn’t in a rush to ascend, but that he spent time appearing to his disciples and preparing them for Pentecost and their important mission that would follow. It is a bonus, like extra innings for us to celebrate the resurrection!

This weekend, we begin with Divine Mercy Sunday, established by Pope John Paul II in the Jubilee Year 2000 at the Mass for the Canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska. St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visions from Jesus, including one of Jesus wearing a white garment with beams of red and white coming from His heart, which came to be known as the image of Divine Mercy. According to one of her diary entries, Jesus revealed to her that those who receive communion and attend confession on this ‘Feast of Mercy’ receive total forgiveness of sins. In one of her encounters with Jesus, he told her: “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. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.” Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection.

Today, we will celebrate our regularly scheduled Masses, but the 12 N Mass will be celebrated by a Franciscan Friar of the Renewal in preparation for our 3 PM Divine Mercy celebration. At the 3 PM service, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a Divine Mercy preached reflection, confessions, charismatic prayer, and praise and worship music led by the CFR Friars. The Easter journey of transformation and renewal continues for us individually and as a parish as we move towards the Ascension and Pentecost.

As we cooperate with God’s grace, and strive for holiness, we recognize that in our humanity, we still stumble and fall. We are sinners in need of a savior and redemption – we are in need of Divine Mercy. The Lord desires to offer it once again this weekend. Perhaps you were able to participate in our “Mercy Monday” confession marathon, or perhaps you regularly come in the morning to confession and adoration, or maybe it has been many years since you have come to confession. I encourage you to experience God’s reckless pursuit of you and I, to restore us to our original innocence. The world continues to invite us to numb the parts of us that are broken and hurting, with temporary fixes and medications. Jesus invites us into the suffering and sacrifice of the cross, which is the only way to a full, transforming healing. If you carry the burdens of life, the burdens of sin, then please join us Sunday afternoon, through the great gift of the community of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. These joyful friars who love the Lord, and love to serve the poor, both spiritual and temporal, will share their gifts and talents, and help to bring our parish community joyfully closer to the Lord. Closer to His Divine Mercy!

Thank you for your presence and generosity.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Joe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

## ***Banns of Marriage***

### **Banns III**

Kathleen Graziose, St. Pius X Church, Loudonville, NY  
& Frederick Hiller, St. Pius X Church, Loudonville, NY

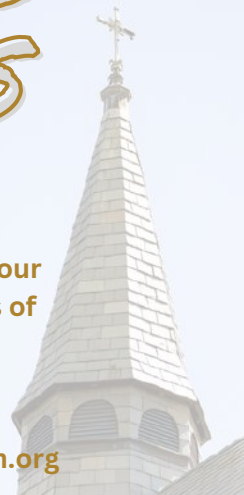
## ***Year-End Tax Statements***

Please note that year-end tax statements for your taxes will not be automatically mailed out. They may be obtained by request from the Rectory. Please call 516-785-1266 or email [information@stwilliam.org](mailto:information@stwilliam.org)

# **BACK TO BASICS**

Visit the parish Facebook and Instagram (@stwilliamabbot) every Tuesday and Thursday for our video series explaining elements of our faith and our church!

If you have a topic you'd like explained, email [priests@stwilliam.org](mailto:priests@stwilliam.org)



## ***Pray for Those in the Military***

### **US Air Force -**

Capt. Matthew B. Frasse  
Tech. Sgt. Eric Meyers  
Airman Carlos Rosado  
Major Thomas F. Shields

### **US Army -**

Capt. Caitlin M. Lee  
CW2 Brian Kirby  
Major Eamon G. McArdle  
Spc. Brian Reip  
Sgt. Donald Rogers  
Lt. Col. Christopher James Ustler

### **USMC -**

First Lt. Dana Duggan  
L.Cpl. John Mosier

### **US Navy -**

Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald  
Jr. Lt. Ryan Bayer  
Jr. Lt. Rebecca Bayer  
Jr. Lt. Ian Bayer  
STSC (SS) Thomas Kerley  
Lt. Michael O'Hara  
MMN2 Emily Partridge  
Commander Michael Sean Slatley  
Lt. Michael Napolitano  
Michael Vietri

### **US Coast Guard -**

LT Commander James Knudsen  
Daniel Timpanaro  
Commander Katherine Ustler-Lodispoto

### **US Army -**

Sgt. Craig Bianco  
Capt. Michael DiPietro  
Capt. Michael Fitzgerald  
Capt. Christopher J. Frasse  
Capt. Logan Lee  
Lt. Col. John Kallo

## ***Are You A Registered Parishioner?***

Registering as parishioners allows us to have an accurate count of our families, which in turn helps us to plan liturgies, have the appropriate clergy coverage, and helps us to determine what enrichment programs and events may be beneficial.

Parish registration is also needed should you be asked to serve as a godparent or Confirmation sponsor.

Moreover, it is a great way for you to plant your family's roots in our community!

To register, please scan the QR code, visit our website, or stop by the Rectory Office or Welcome Desk in the front vestibule of the Church.





# *Our Easter Celebrations*

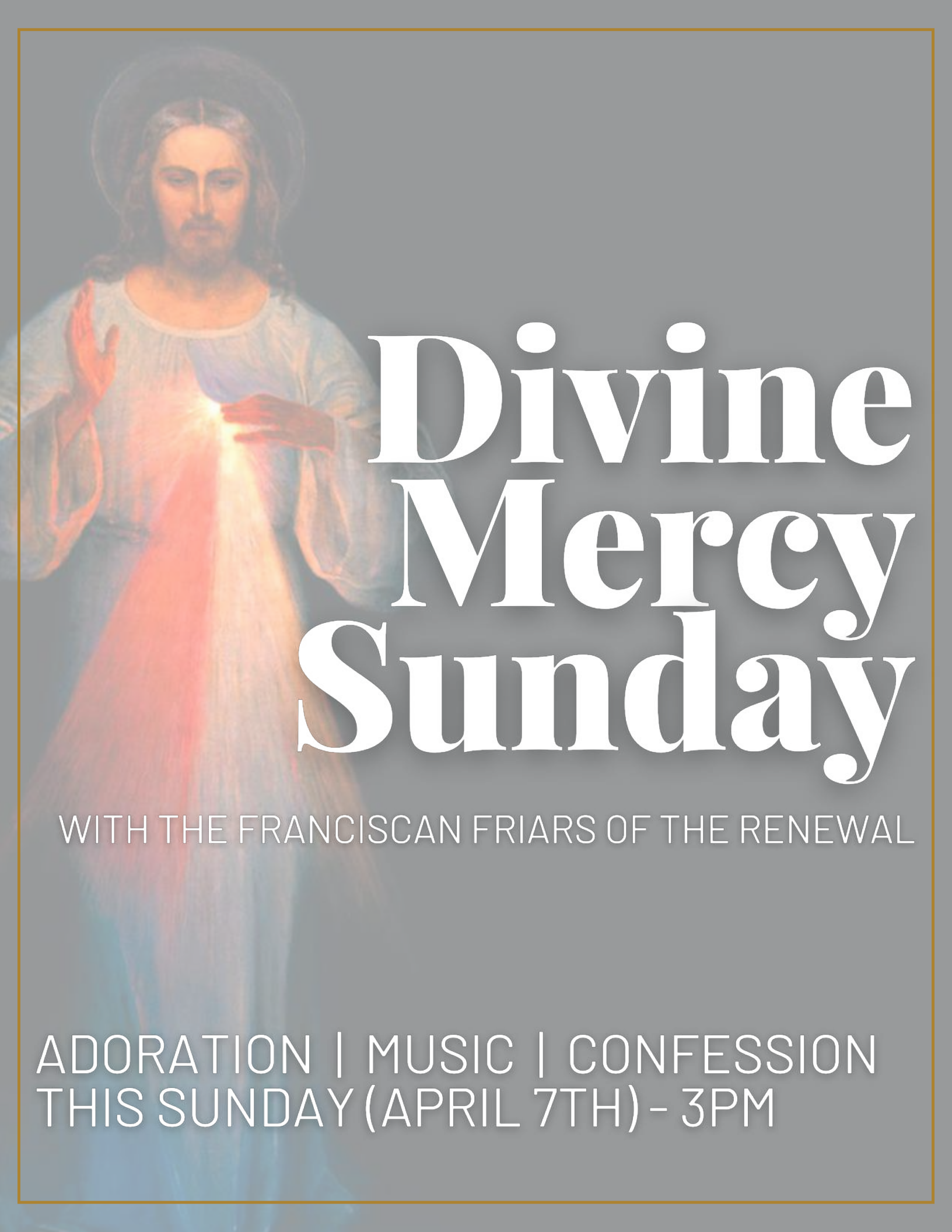




# *Our Easter Celebrations*







# Divine Mercy Sunday

WITH THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL

ADORATION | MUSIC | CONFESSION  
THIS SUNDAY (APRIL 7TH) - 3PM





# St. William the Abbot School

This Easter Break was certainly well-deserved after a busy couple of weeks at SWS! Our 2nd Graders received the Sacrament of Penance, we enjoyed breakfast with the Easter Bunny, Kinders celebrated their fantastic dads and grandpas for St. Joseph's Day, and the Drama Club put on an exceptional production of "Frozen"!



**SCHEDULE A TOUR OF OUR NURSERY - 8TH GRADE PROGRAMS TODAY (516-785-6784)**



## *Parish Social Ministry*

### ***Pantry Needs***

Canned Fruit  
Canned Tuna  
Canned Chicken  
Breadcrumbs  
Chips/Pretzels  
Napkins

### ***Neighbors Helping Neighbors***

Last month, two local organizations made large donations to the Outreach office for the care of local families in need. Thank you, Massapequa Woman's Club Child Welfare Committee, and Knights of Columbus Memorare Council 3476 for your support of our ministry! In addition, we would like to thank Take Me Out to the Ballgame Foundation for their large donation of hams, allowing us to provide them for families for their Easter dinner. We are so grateful!

### ***Reminder - Bereavement Group***

The Spring Bereavement Group will hold its third session on Wednesday, April 10 at 11am in the Abbey. This session is for registered participants that attended our first session back in March. For questions or inquiries, contact the Social Ministry office.

### ***Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting April 16***

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Tuesday April 16 at 10am in the Abbey. This ministry knits and crochets lap robes, blankets, hats, scarves, and other items for the sick and needy of our community. Yarn is provided, and new members at any skill level are always welcome!



### ***Looking to Donate Used Items?***

We have updated the Parish Social Ministry section of the St. William the Abbot Parish website. We list multiple donation resources locally for your furniture, clothing, housewares and more! Check us out at [www.stwilliam.org/social-ministry](http://www.stwilliam.org/social-ministry) for more information!

### ***Thank You Homebound Ministry***

Thank you to the volunteers of our Homebound Ministry for creating over 70 Easter bags last month for our parishioners at home. Your kindness and generosity are so appreciated!



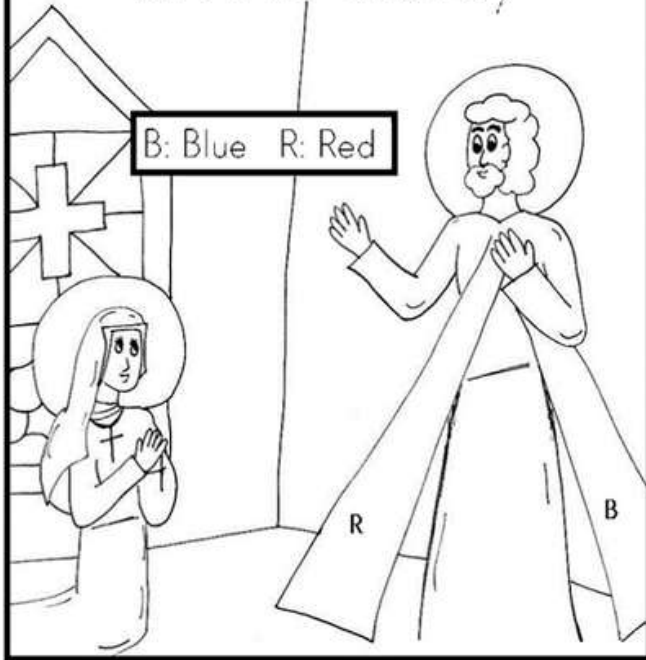


# Saint Faustina

Jesus appeared to Saint Faustina and asked her to paint a picture of Jesus with the words, "Jesus, I trust in You."

She taught people about Divine Mercy. Divine means God. Mercy means forgiveness.

## Divine Mercy



Year B: Second Sunday of Easter: Divine Mercy Sunday

**Catholic Kids Bulletin**  
 April 7, 2024  
 Sunday of Divine Mercy  
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W O G I V E O T H A N K S O W T O T H E

BOEEVERLASTING

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, his love is everlasting.

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Learn part of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

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**Gospel** Jesus rose from the dead and visited the disciples. Thomas didn't believe his friends when they told him about it. Jesus appeared to Thomas and said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

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Formed: The Catholic Faith. On Demand  
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Tomorrow's Hope Foundation: Financial Aid for Catholic Schools  
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