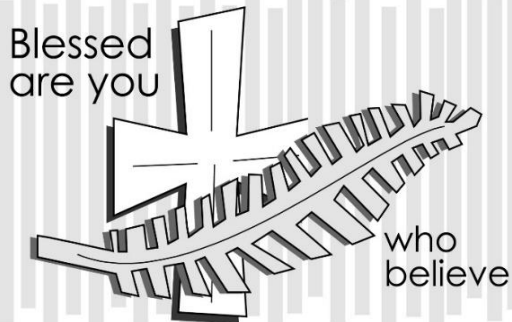


Divine Mercy Sunday – April 12, 2026

“Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him.” - 1 Peter 1:9a



READINGS FOR THE WEEK:	
Sunday	Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31
Monday	Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday	Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday	Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36, Gn 1:26—2:3
Friday	Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday	1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	Apr 11	4:00 PM	Matilda & Jeffrey Dorman – Debbie Spickerman
Sunday *	Apr 12	9:00 AM	Eileen Devaney * Divine Mercy
Monday –	Apr 13	12:00 PM	Eileen Devaney
Tuesday –	Apr 14	12:00 PM	Eileen Devaney
Wednesday -	Apr 15	12:00 PM	Eileen Devaney
Thursday -	Apr 16	12:00 PM	Eileen Devaney
Friday -	Apr 17	12:00 PM	Eileen Devaney
Saturday -	Apr 18	4:00 PM	Jack Southerby - Family
Sunday	Apr 19	9:00 AM	Helen Morris – Roberta Collins

1st Reading: Acts 2:42-47

This was the very beginning of the Church, and God was blessing the community with new, excited converts. There was no concern about politics or status or hierarchy; there was only love for Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit burning in their hearts. It must have been a wondrous time! This is also the time when the teachings of Jesus were no doubt being codified in some fashion, taking on a sort of formal nature in the telling. As the communities regularly gathered together, these teachings were probably being repeated in much the same way as the Oral Torah had been repeated generations before.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

As in the first reading, Peter’s community is wholly committed to Christ and His message. The heady joy of faith, and the blessing of knowing that they were saved, fired their days, filling them with purpose. Peter’s warning of challenges to come would have seemed insignificant by comparison.

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

In the early Church, during the Roman persecutions, to make a commitment to Christ was not an easy thing; people had to *believe* that Jesus rose from the dead in order to accept following his teachings. This passage, through Thomas’s practical sort of doubt, provides a model for that belief. Today it is much less difficult (in most parts of the world) to follow Christ’s teachings, and when a priest or deacon reads the gospel, and certainly when we receive the Eucharist, Jesus is present to us. When the message of salvation and mission is passed on to us from Peter and then through apostolic succession to Leo and then to Joseph, our bishop, we are hearing the Truth of Jesus Christ. The Church has protected this message and kept it sacred over the millennia, and through God’s covenantal promise will continue to protect it for our children and their children, and will continue to do so until Jesus brings all of creation back into Himself. This is what our Church is all about. In the words of Thomas, after realizing who he was facing, we can only say: “*My Lord and my God!*”



MEMBERS OF THE HOLY NAME OF MARY PRAYER CHAIN available to pray for you or your loved ones. Please call Maureen Van Nostrand at: 570-498-0760.

LET US PRAY THIS MONTH:

We remember in prayer those who are ill & pained in body, heart & mind. We pray especially for Betsy Arnold & family, Eileen Baessler, Anne Belles, Jerry Blodgett, Ralph Blodgett, Brad Booker, Ellen Booker, Brad Bozzo, Al Breiner, Katie Calvin, Doris Carnese, JoAnne Catlin, Becky Cole, Aiden Conklin, James Conklin, Kathleen Conklin, Odessa Cornell, Carmen Cruz, Wilma Daniels, Mary Ann DeWitt, Philip Donahue, Larry Ferris, Mary Ferris, Harvey Fletcher, Geraldine Flynn, Phyllis Fritz, Maria Garvey, Brandy Golden, William Hector, Gerard Heiser, Jane Heiser, Byron Hilgner, Billie Jackson, Kevin Jenner, Susan Jennings, Timothy Jones, Deb Kessler, Bill Kozerski, Ken Landes, Josh Landis, Shawn McGraw, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Christian Mondri, Luis Muloski, Denelle Myers, Russel Nowalk, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Rocchia, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Sandra Seeger, Dorothy Sargent, Pauline Sheehan, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Fran Tometchko, Florence Trowbridge, Rosemarie Whalen, Gerry Washack.



PARISH FINANCES

4/5/2026

(Budget)	\$	(4,867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	12519.00

Thank you for your generosity & support!

2nd Collection: April 3, Good Friday, Holy Land



Sunday, April 12 – 9:00AM

Albert Paolucci

Sunday, April 19 – 9:00AM

Stanely Grochal

Sunday, April 26 – 9:00AM

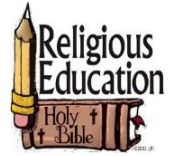
Bernadetta Paolucci

Sunday, May 3 – 9:00AM

Albert Paolucci

Become an Altar Server! Call the Rectory

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Classes began on Sunday, September 21. Classes are held in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00 AM, since Sunday Mass is at 9:00 AM. Families previously registered last year should have received a registration form in the mail. If you are new to the parish and would like to register your child, forms are available at the rectory. Also you can find a registration form on the Holy Name of Mary Church website under the pull down menu under Religious Education.

The following is the schedule for classes for Feb:

- April 12.....Regular Class
- April 19.....Regular Class
- April 26.....Regular Class
- May 3.....Regular Class
- May 10....NO CLASS...Happy Mother's Day!
- May 17....Regular Class...Last Class
- May 24....Pentecost Sunday....
- Confirmation at 9:00 Mass

Have a great summer!

Thank you to those parents who support their children in their Faith Formation. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Fran Calafut at (570) 396-5879.



Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement.

If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or at www.compps.state.pa.us/cwis and should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pa-cuska at 570-862-7551.



Let us pray for those who proudly serve in the military: Floyd Beamer, Thomas Butler, Daniel Daly, Christopher Jordan, James Kane, Mark Nowalk, Michael Pelicci, David Place, Nate Seymour, Julie Snyder, Nancy Travis, Travis Walter



FIAT DAYS
HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

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Travelers & Vacationers

Please remember that our parish relies on your contributions, even when you are away. Thanks!!



Altar Flowers



If you would like to donate flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special occasion, please call the rectory.



A Portrait of Faith

An Art Auction

Celebrate parishes of the Diocese of Scranton.

Own an original piece of artwork that honors the beauty of OUR DIOCESE! The Catholic Foundation is holding a special online auction to celebrate the rich heritage and architecture of local churches. Over 20 original pieces by accomplished artist Austin Burke will be up for auction online.

All proceeds will benefit the Catholic Foundation and expand its impact on parishes, schools, and Catholic Ministries. The winning bidder and a guest for each piece will be invited to a reception at the Cathedral Rectory on May 13, 2026. Dinner and photos with the Bishop are included! Visit dioceseofscranton.org for additional info.

Online Auction takes place: April 13 - May 1
<https://catholicfoundationscranton.org>

Divine Mercy Sunday

In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kawalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God. St. Faustina (1905–1938) was born and raised in Poland. Following a vocation to religious life, she was accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. As a member of the Congregation, she worked as a cook, gardener, and porter. In her spiritual life, her contemplation on the Mercy of God led her to develop a childlike trust in God and deep love for her neighbor.

Learn more about St. Faustina:

In her years in the convent, St. Faustina heard a call from God to make God's mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God's healing grace. St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which consists of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the rosary for the sake of Christ's sorrowful passion.

The Chaplet is prayed as follows:

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the Apostles' Creed.

2. On the Our Father beads, recite the following:

"Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."

3. On the ten Hail Mary beads, say the following:

"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

4. Repeat step two and three for all five decades.

5. Conclude by reciting three times:

"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

