

Divine Mercy Sunday – April 7, 2024

"Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." – John 20:22-23



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
Mon: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Tue: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
Wed: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Thu: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
Fri: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
Sat: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	April 6	4:00 PM	Frank Riancho (Frank & Rita DeRiancho)
Sunday –	April 7	9:00 AM	Cynthia Schneider (Fran & George Calafut)
Monday –	April 8	12:00 PM	Pro defuncto
Tuesday –	April 9	12:00 PM	Pro defuncto
Wednesday –	April 10	12:00 PM	Pro defuncta
Thursday –	April 11	12:00 PM	Pro defuncta
Friday –	April 12	12:00 PM	Pro defuncta
Saturday –	April 13	4:00 PM	Victoria Rayappan (John & Sally McGrath)
Sunday –	April 14	9:00 AM	Cynthia Schneider (Lynn Kissel & Family)



1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35

The emphasis here is on community. As Catholics, community has always been stressed: *in the sacraments, in the liturgy, in our sense of what it means to be a Christian*. In fact, we believe that our faith community forms us and without it we are lacking in the essential ingredients that make us true to our understanding of Christ and of our calling. The earliest expression of what it means to be a Christian is reflected here in this passage. Our faith is not found in a collection of individuals, but in community. There is a difference.

2nd Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

John here is focusing on baptism and crucifixion as the basis for, and expression of, our belief. And it is through these two that we can confidently overcome any secular notions of our faith as superstition or blind obedience to antiquated religion. Jesus overcame the world, and we as children of God overcome the world with him.

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-21

Thomas believed in Jesus, otherwise he wouldn't have been sharing quarters with his fellow disciples of Jesus. His problem was that he didn't trust what his friends told him about what they saw; *he didn't trust his friends, his companions, or his community*. Not a single person since the ascension has seen Jesus- not even Paul who only heard Jesus on the road to Damascus- and yet Christianity still flourishes around the world. The legacy, the truth, of Jesus Christ has been entrusted to the Church, and it is through the community of believers that we first learn of and then trust in Jesus Christ. When Jesus blesses those who have 'not seen yet believe', he is recognizing and blessing the community that holds Christ's sacred trust of Faith, Hope, and Love for all generations to come. The Body of Christ is the Church and we are its members. Faith isn't just about belief in Jesus; it is about believing what our friends- our Church- teaches us.



MEMBERS OF THE HOLY NAME OF MARY PRAYER CHAIN are available to pray for you or your loved ones in need of prayer. Please call Maureen Van Nostrand at: 570-278-4590.

We remember in prayer those who are ill & pained in body, heart & mind. We pray especially for Betsy Arnold & her family, Anne Belles, Jerry Blodgett, Ralph Blodgett, Brad Booker, Ellen Booker, Brad Bozzo, Al Breiner, Katie Calvin, JoAnne Catlin, Becky Cole, Aiden Conklin, David Conklin Jr., Debbie Conklin, Kathleen Conklin, Odessa Cornell, Wilma Daniels, Mary Ann DeWitt, Philip Donahue, Larry Ferris, Mary Ferris, Harvey Fletcher, Geraldine Flynn, Maria Garvey, Brandy Golden, William Hector, Gerard Heiser, Jane Heiser, Byron Hilgner, Susan Jennings, Timothy Jones, Deb Kessler, Bill Kozerski, Ken Landes, Josh Landis, Dolores Makowski, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Christian Mondy, Luis Muloski, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Roccia, Ann Paolucci, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Dorothy Sergent, Pauline Sheehan, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Florence Trowbridge, Rosemarie Whalen.



LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PROUDLY SERVE IN THE MILITARY: Floyd Beamer, Thomas Butler, Daniel Daly, Christopher Jordan, James Kane, Mark Nowalk, Nate Seymour, Julie Snyder, Aaron Taylor, Nancy Travis, and Travis Walter.



PARISH FINANCES 3/31/2024

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	18,177.20
<i>Thank you for your generosity & support</i>		

Travelers & Vacationers

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



Sunday, April 7th – 9:00AM
Lee John Sullivan
Sunday, April 14th – 9:00AM
Albert Paolucci
Sunday, April 21st – 9:00AM
Lee John Sullivan
Sunday, April 28th – 9:00AM
Bernadetta Paolucci

Would you like to become an Altar Server? If so, please contact Pam Tometchko at 570-278-0497 or speak to Fr. Philip directly.

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 electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.

PARISH EVENTS

April 7th – Divine Mercy Sunday

April 27th/28th – Second Collection: Catholic Home Missions Appeal

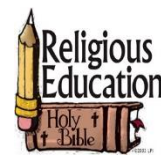
April 27th/28th – Loose Change Weekend

Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Scranton

The Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Scranton has been created. The Catholic Foundation will provide a trusted way for individuals to provide meaningful and lasting impact to sustain Diocesan parishes, schools and agencies for years to come. Donors may contribute cash donations, estate gifts, IRA contributions and gifts into endowment funds that will provide long-term support for the work of the church. Endowment funds will be invested to earn revenue. The principal value of an endowment fund is kept intact, while the investment earnings are distributed for charitable purposes as determined by donors. The new Catholic Foundation will give people an opportunity to support our Catholic faith in perpetuity. Gifts of any size are welcome. The Foundation offers many benefits to you, including assistance and advice tailored to your needs and giving interests and tax advantages of various types of gifts. The Catholic Foundation assets are separate from diocesan funds. No one can appropriate funds from the Foundation for any purpose other than those specified by the donor. Catholic Foundation staff is happy to help you design a gift that meets your personal needs and charitable goals. They can be reached at info@catholicfoundationscranton.org, or (570) 207-2212.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Religious Education Classes are held in person in the Parish Center beginning at 10:00AM, after the 9:00AM Mass.

If you are new to the parish and would like to register your child, forms will be available at the rectory, as well as online on the Holy Name of Mary Church web site under the Religious Education portal.

Religious Education Schedule:

April 7 – Regular Class

April 14 – Regular Class

April 21 – Regular Class

April 28 – Regular Class

May 12 – NO CLASS ... Happy Mother's Day!

May 19 – Regular Class, Last Class

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!!!



Confirmation Corner

Completed Confirmation registration forms are due. Please have your child bring the form to class or drop it off at the rectory in an envelope attention to Fran Calafut.

The following service hour projects have been arranged for Confirmation Candidates. They can participate in any or all of the hours in the area that they may need service hours in. Service is always encouraged beyond the required number of hours. Details about the following hours has been emailed home to parents.

Service hours....Church

Sunday, April 28....11 to 12

Service hours....Community...making Blessing Bags

1. Sunday, April 7...11 to 12

2. Sunday, April 14...11 to 12

3. Sunday, April 21...11 to 12

DATE OF CONFIRMATION MASS IS ... Pentecost Sunday, May 19 at the 9 AM Mass.

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.”



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