

April 16, 2017 EASTER SUNDAY



Fr. Larry Ryan, Bishop James Massa, Msgr. Joseph Nagle, Msgr. Michael Curran, Fr. Austin Emeh and the Rectory Staff would like to wish you a Happy and Blessed Easter.

SUNDAY, April 16th EASTER SUNDAY

WEDNESDAY, April 17th

9:30AM Bible Study, Rectory Base.
1:00PM Seniors, Shep. Hall
6:30PM AI-Anon, Rectory Base.
8:30PM AA Open Mtg. Rectory Base.

THURSDAY, April 18th

1:00PM Cancer Guild, Rectory Base.
7:00PM Girl Scouts, Rectory Base.

FRIDAY, April 19th

SATURDAY, April 20th

3:00PM RCIA (Span.), Boardman Rm.
6:00PM AA Closed Mtg. Rectory Base.

SUNDAY, April 21st

10:00AM Spanish RCIA, Boardman Rm.
6:00PM Crew, School Meeting Rm.

COLLECTION RESULTS

April 9, 2017

TOTAL TO PARISH: \$8,180.25

(Includes: \$5,621.00 Regular First Collection and \$949.00 Faith Direct; Renovation and Repair Second Collection \$1,565.00 and Faith Direct \$45.25)

We are very grateful for all your generous contributions to our parish.

SJWCA OPEN HOUSE



On Thursday, April 27th St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Academy is having an Open House with information sessions for prospective students and parents. Come, talk with current

parents, faculty and staff and see a wonderful neighborhood option for Pre-K3, Pre-K4, and K-Grade 8 all in one building. Session 1 will be at 6:30PM and Session 2 will be at 7:00PM in our school building at 241 Prospect Park West (Entrance on Windsor Place). Visit us on the web at www.sjwca.org or email us at communityinfo@stjwca.org for more information.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 23, 2017 is Divine Mercy



Sunday, a day of great grace, as described in more detail in the full-page insert included in this weekend's bulletin. Next Sunday we will have the Divine Mercy Image on display at all of our Masses. At 3 PM (the hour of Divine Mercy) we will have a Divine Mercy prayer service in the Church that will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Recitation

of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the prayers (Our Father, Apostles Creed, and Hail Mary for the Intentions of the Pope) necessary for the Plenary Indulgence available that day, Benediction and closing prayer. Please read this weekend's bulletin insert and join us for our 3 PM Divine Mercy Prayer Service next Sunday.



A NOTE FROM FR. LARRY

I am writing this note on Wednesday of Holy Week with parish preparations for the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil Mass of Holy Saturday evening and the Masses of Easter Sunday Morning well underway. Many additional people attended our Saturday Vigil and Sunday morning Masses for Palm Sunday; and on Reconciliation Monday many people responded to the invitation we repeated so often in recent weeks to "make a good confession before the end of Lent". Many thanks to Msgr. Nagle, Bishop Massa, Fr. Austin and Fr. Norman Bennett from OLPH for helping in hearing confessions; and many thanks to everyone working so hard to prepare HNJ parish for Easter.

Last evening hundreds of priests and deacons from the Diocese joined Bishop DiMarzio at St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral for the Chrism Mass. It was a beautiful Liturgy that included the renewal of our Ordination promises and the blessing and distribution of the Holy Oils (Oil of Catechumens, Oil of the Sick, and Sacred Chrism) we use for Baptisms, the Sacrament of the Sick and Confirmation throughout the year.

To remind us of some of the significance of the Resurrection, consider the following observations by Fr. Anthony Kadavil, whose reflections frequently are shared worldwide by Vatican Radio:

"The Resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith. The Resurrection is the greatest of the miracles -- it proves that Jesus is God.... All the basic doctrines of Christianity are founded on the truth of the Resurrection."

"Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection. Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: "I am the Resurrection and the Life; whoever believes in Me will live even though he dies" (Jn 11:25-26)."

“Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows and tears. It reminds us that life is worth living. It is our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus in our souls, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament and in Heaven that gives meaning to our personal, as well as to our common, prayers. Our trust in the all-pervading presence of the Risen Lord gives us strength to fight against temptations and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears.”

“We need to remember Easter in our Good Fridays: Easter reminds us that every Good Friday in our lives will have an Easter Sunday, and that Jesus will let us share the power of his Resurrection. Each time we display our love of others, we share in the Resurrection. Each time we face a betrayal of trust and, with God’s grace, forgive the betrayer, we share in the Resurrection of Jesus. Each time we fail in our attempts to ward off temptations - but keep on trying to overcome them - we share in the Resurrection. Each time we continue to hope - even when our hope seems unanswered - we share in the power of Jesus’ Resurrection. In short, the message of Easter is that nothing can destroy us - not pain, sin, rejection, betrayal or death - because Christ has conquered all these, and we, too, can conquer them if we put our Faith and trust in Him.”

Please try to attend as many of Triduum liturgies as you can.

A Happy and a Blessed Easter to you and your loved ones!

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FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Please pray for the health and wholeness of all the sick and all who give them care, especially for Michael Horan, Luzila Ortiz, Jade & Patrick Windsor, Debbie Smith, Liam Budgell, Virginia Regis, Edward Derosa, Carmen Rodriguez, Anna Svitan, Anna Bukovina, Edmund O'Shea, Andrea Rivera, Joe Gallagher, Katherine Byrnes, Jean Thomas, Louise Miller, Kathy Nolan, Michelle Brady, Marilyn Bloom, and Joan O'Malley.

Please remember those enrolled in our **Purgatorial Society** on Sundays at 7:30am, especially Donna Baker and Kevin Cianciulli.

LET US PRAY.....For these Mass intentions during the Week of April 16, 2017....

Sunday, April 16th Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:30AM	Purgatorial Society & Neil Buckley
9:00AM	Mass for the People
10:30AM	Francisco Pira
12 Noon	Geraldine Canubida

Monday, April 17th Easter Monday

9:00AM	Luigi Marsillo
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Tuesday, April 18th Easter Tuesday

9:00AM	Thomas P. Cole (Birthday)
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Wednesday, April 19th Easter Wednesday

9:00AM	Bahia Bartket
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Thursday, April 20th Easter Thursday

9:00AM	William J. Donovan
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Friday, April 21st Easter Friday

9:00AM	Jack Miller
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Saturday, April 22nd Easter Saturday

9:00AM	James Farran
	Katarina Oravec
	Lennart Gidlund
	Jimmy Cunningham
	Marcelo Gonzalez

5:30PM	Dorothy Sullivan
	Carmela DiTonno
	Elizabeth Cole (Anniversary)
	Peter E. & Peter G. Heaney
	Judith M. & Joseph Caputo Jr.

Sunday, April 23rd Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday

7:30AM	Purgatorial Society & James Cunningham
9:00AM	Margarita Gonzalez
10:30AM	Mary, Anthony, Rosemarie & Peter Camastro
12 Noon	Mass for the People
3:00PM	Divine Mercy Prayer Service

The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday!

How should we prepare for this great Feast of Mercy?



Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when **"all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened"**. (Diary 699) Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy, on the Sunday after Easter, which is now called Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the Catholic Church.

Jesus promised that **"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."**(Diary 699) He went on to say **"I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy."** (Diary 1109)

We want to encourage everyone to take advantage of this incredible promise and the additional Plenary Indulgence on this great Feast of Mercy "Divine Mercy Sunday". We want you to benefit fully from these promises, and we also want you to notify all of your family and friends about them too and urge them to return to the practice of their faith!

The Image of The Divine Mercy, which Our Lord requested to be solemnly blessed and venerated on this day, will be on display in our church. Pope John Paul II said that the image portrays the Risen Jesus Christ bringing Mercy to the whole world. Our Lord said **"I want the image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish"**. (Diary 341, 48) Please take the time to visit with this Image of The Divine Mercy and venerate Jesus.

Jesus said to St. Faustina **"I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You"**. (Diary 327) **"The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the cross. ...Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him."** (Diary 299)

About the feastday "Divine Mercy Sunday", Jesus said **"...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 poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon the souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy"**. (Diary 699)

Our Lord said **"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 **"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"** (1602) **Make your confession before Me. The person of the priest is... only a screen. Never analyze what sort of a priest that I am making use of; open your soul in confession to Me, and I will fill it with My light."** (1725)

It is required of all Catholics to confess their serious sins at least once every year. If you haven't yet met this obligation then take advantage of this outstanding opportunity to receive an outpouring of an ocean of graces that Jesus promises on this day. Those who have already confessed their sins should make room for others.

The Church allows for one to go to Confession for up to about 20 days, before or after Divine Mercy Sunday.

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