

April 23, 2017

## Sunday of the Divine Mercy

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, April 22

5:00 p.m. +**Andrew Peterson**  
By Nancy and Charlie Guerriere

#### Sunday, April 23

8:00 a.m. +**The Kane and Urbano Families**  
By Bernadette and Andy Ryan

10:30 a.m. +**Theresa Risoldi**  
By The Saksa Family

#### Monday, April 24 *Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen*

8:45 a.m. +**Sergio and Sabina Cappelluti**  
By Marietta and Sam Tridente

#### Tuesday, April 25 *Saint Mark*

8:45 a.m. +**The Kane and Urbano Families**  
By Susan Reynolds

#### Wednesday, April 26

8:45 a.m. +**Louis, Thomas and Elizabeth DeBari**  
By Angela Gross

#### Thursday, April 27 **NO MASS**

#### Friday, April 28 *Saint Peter Chanel*

8:45 a.m. +**Janet Di Fonzo**  
By Husband

#### Saturday, April 29

5:00 p.m. +**Alicja Galka**  
By Family

#### Sunday, April 30

8:00 a.m. **Parishioners of Saint Theodore Church**

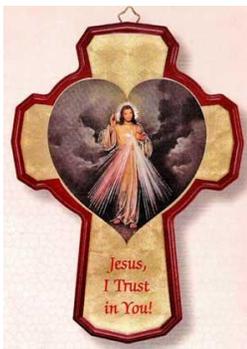
10:30 a.m. +**Irena Agaciak**  
By Jacek Agaciak

this special feast. *“The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.”* (Diary, 699)

Our Lord revealed to St. Faustina His desire to literally flood us with His graces on that day. Just consider each of the promises and desires that He expressed about Mercy Sunday, which are recorded in the main passage of the Diary — passage 699 — about Mercy Sunday:

On that day the very depths of My tender Mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon these souls who approach the Fount of My mercy [the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist]. The soul that will go to Confession [beforehand] and receive Holy Communion [on that day] shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened.

Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter.



Divine Mercy Sunday is the Second Sunday of the Easter season. It was named by Pope John Paul II at the canonization of St. Maria Faustina on April 30, 2000, and then officially decreed by the Vatican. Divine Mercy Sunday can be seen as the convergence

of all the mysteries and graces of Holy Week and Easter Week. It is like a multi-exposure photograph of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, and Easter Week. Or we can think of it as a converging lens that focuses the light of the Risen Christ into a radiant beam of merciful love and grace for the whole world. In fact, Jesus revealed in various revelations to St. Faustina that it was His desire that we celebrate

### How to pray Divine Mercy Chaplet!

#### **Make the Sign of the Cross**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### **2. Optional Opening Prayers**

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

**3. Our Father:** Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen. **4. Hail Mary:** Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen. **5. The Apostle's Creed:** I believe in God,

the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified; died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



**PRAYER TO OBTAIN GRACES THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF SAINT FAUSTINA**

O Jesus, You inspired Saint Faustina with profound veneration for Your boundless Mercy,

deign, if it be Your Holy Will, to grant me, through her intercession, the grace for which I fervently pray.....

My sins render me unworthy of Your Mercy, but be mindful of Saint Faustina's spirit of sacrifice and self-denial, and reward her virtue by granting the petition which, with childlike confidence, I present to You through her intercession.

Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory be...

**Church & Religious Education Calendar**

- Bible Study: Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
- April 23, 3 p.m.: Divine Mercy Devotion
- April 24, 6:15p.m.: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade in church for all other grades at school.
- April 24, 6:15 p.m.: Confirmation practice
- April 29, 6:30 p.m.: Confirmation Retreat



Stephen, Anthony Vitale, Bridget M., Savannah Paine, Bobby Gross, Michael Dante, Keira Hedges, Maryann Vaughan, Robert Dicheck,

Peter, Zachary, Logan Peter Saksa, Anna Paine, Maryann Vaughan, Anna Saksa, Lauren Lane, Jay Mildrum, Philip Kinney, Mary D., Kerry Kraft, Cathy Moncello, Peter S., Mary Supple, Mary Rupell, Patty Mahoney, Susan Reynolds



**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

is the process by which adult converts are received into full communion with the Catholic Church. Normally, it starts in September and takes place in four stages. It gathers information, answers questions and corrects misunderstandings about Catholicism. It is a process of spiritual formation and

introduction to the Catholic parish life. The RCIA program was initiated by Pope Paul VI on January 6, 1972. If you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, are considering becoming a Catholic, or have any questions about the process, please contact Father Damian at 689-8318, ext. 4. Please give name and phone number if leaving a phone message.



**Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates who will be confirmed on May 5**

**Emily Becker  
Kaileigh Cagnassola  
Jiovanni Cosme  
Arun Felix  
Jenna Fiore  
Lucas Garrido  
Daniel Hackett  
Gary Hult, Jr.  
Maegan Hummel  
Emily Leidner  
Philip Leidner**

**Richard Lewis  
Emma Mele  
Julia Monico  
Ashley Moskal  
Beck Nemeth  
Anthony Perna  
Alyssa Standish  
Juliana Valli  
Gia Vitale  
Ashley Watt  
Shane Webber**

**Madison Williams**

*May you have the strength of the SPIRIT, the power of PRAYER and the force of FAITH. . .To live in SERVICE, to LOVE with all your heart and to let God lead you, always. Amen.*

The New Jersey Career Connections (a partnership with the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development and the Warren County Library), offers a line of tools and assistance for Warren County residents seeking employment. This is a great tool for interested parishioners wanting to plan, prepare, and succeed for their next job.

Career Connections is a personalized, comprehensive and effective career navigation assistance services that will help job seekers achieve their job goals. It covers it all from soup to nuts, including: *Mastering the online job application, Resume writing the easy way, On Ramp to search for jobs, Write premium cover letters, Expand job interviews skills, Effortless networking, Upcoming job fairs.*

Take a minute to look at the sight. It just might be what you are looking for: **Career**

**Connections, [careerconnections.nj.gov](http://careerconnections.nj.gov).**

Also, to support job seekers, the Warren County Library offers various free programs targeted just for job seekers: *Monthly networking/support group, One-on-one job seeking assistance, Online presentations on various topics of interest to job seekers, Workshops geared for job seekers.*