

April 8, 2018 Divine Mercy Sunday

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 7 Divine Mercy Sunday

8:45 a.m. +Jon Akins
By Ginny & Tim Moran & Children
5:00 p.m. **Blessings for Healing for Kokila Doshi**
By A Friend

Sunday, April 8

8:00 a.m. **Altar Rosary Society**
7:30 a.m. **Parishioners of Saint Theodore Church**

Monday, April 9

8:45 a.m. **Special Intentions of Courtney O'Malley**
By Parents

Tuesday, April 10

8:45 a.m. +Vito and Marietta Masellis
By Angela Gross

Wednesday, April 11

8:45 a.m. **Blessings of Healing of Margaret Murray**
By Mr. and Mrs. O'Malley

Thursday, April 12 NO MASS

Friday, April 13

8:45 a.m. **Blessings of Healing of Mary Rupell**
By Family

Saturday, April 14

5:00 p.m. +Theresa Risoldi
By The Saksa Family

Sunday, April 15

8:00 a.m. +Francisco Paloma
By The Paloma Family
7:30 a.m. +Lizabeth Lino
By The Shipley Family



Saint Faustina: Reflection 129: Do Not Be Afraid

“Do not be afraid; just have faith” (Mark 5:36). These four words, “Do not be afraid,” are spoken countless times throughout the Scripture. We should pay attention to them. Fear can paralyze us and lead us into many forms of foolish thinking and acting. The person who acts out of fear truly acts like a fool. That may seem harsh at first, but it’s not if you understand what it means. It simply means that a person acting out of fear cannot act rationally. Fear does great

damage to a person’s ability to stay calm, remain focused and think clearly. That’s why the Scriptures speak so directly regarding this important spiritual point. Fear must give way to faith and trust in God (See *Diary* #626-627).

What is it that causes you the most anxiety, worry and fear? It’s a struggle we all deal with. There is no shame in admitting it. So what is it? Identify that which overwhelms you the most and you will identify that which God wants you to surrender in trust the most. Go to the heart of the struggle. Sincerely place that worry and fear into the Hands of God and trust. Trust that God is All-Powerful and capable of handling every situation. He may not change things the way you think they should be changed, but He will lift your burden and enable you to move forward without the fear that can easily paralyze and confuse you. Do not let fear dominate your life. Trust in God and let that trust transform you. *Jesus, I do want to trust You and to entrust all my many burdens to You. I especially turn to You with (pause and state that which causes the most fear and anxiety). Please enter into this burden and lift it by Your gentle hand, replacing it with peace and great inner calm. Jesus, I trust in You.*

Most merciful Jesus,

I turn to You in my need.

You are worthy of my complete trust.

You are faithful in all things.

When my life is filled with confusion, give me clarity and faith.

When I am tempted to despair, fill my soul with hope.

Most merciful Jesus,

I trust You in all things.

I trust in Your perfect plan for my life.

I trust You when I cannot comprehend Your divine Will.

I trust You when all feels lost.

Jesus, I trust You more than I trust myself.

Most merciful Jesus,

You are all-knowing.

Nothing is beyond Your sight.

You are all-loving.

Nothing in my life is beyond Your concern.

You are all-powerful.

Nothing is beyond Your grace.

Most merciful Jesus,

I trust in You,

I trust in You,

I trust in You.

May I trust You always and in all things.

May I daily surrender to Your Divine Mercy.

Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy,

Pray for us as we turn to you in our need.

Theodore Church Fundraisers

- **Vacation Raffle (April 8):** Offering a choice of one destination from five distinct packages from which to choose. Options include: air or driving travel, with or without children accompanying you. Price per ticket: \$20. Parishioners will be receiving tickets in the mail. Additional tickets will be sold by the Altar Rosary Society before and after the weekend Masses. **Drawing: 4/8/18 @ 11:30 am in the Parish Center**
 - **50/50 Raffle: (May 27):** Parishioners will be receiving in the mail soon a book of tickets for our annual 50/50 Raffle. As in the past, the books are \$100-\$10 per ticket. These chances will be sold before and after the weekend Masses in the Parish Center.
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REQUESTS
— FOR —
PRAYER

Stephen, Bridget M., Savannah Paine, Bobby Gross, Keira Hedges, Peter, Zachary, Logan Peter Saksa, Anna Saksa, Lauren Lane, Jay Mildrum, Philip Kinney, Peter S., Mary Supple, Mary Rupell, Susan Reynolds, Robert Dicheck, Christian, Tara, Zoe, Teagan, Eric Harding, Kathy & Bob Y., Irma Marquart, Dolores Staiano, Gerard Schnaars, Glenda L., The Rasimowicz Family, Michael Dante, Joseph Boyle, Rosemarie Freeman, Tony Santos

Sunday collection needed to meet

weekly expenses: \$3,637.

Easter Collection: \$4,952

Sunday 4/1 envelopes: \$1,941.17 (-\$1,695.83)

March 25: \$2,199.25

March Deficit: \$4,878.57

February Deficit: \$5,540.95

January Deficit: \$5,503.



Dear Parishioners,
I am humbled by your thoughtful memory of me at Easter. You are most generous and I thank you sincerely for your Easter gifts and prayers. May God bless you.

Fr. Damian



It comes as no surprise to you, parishioners, that **Dutch Valley Florist** has been **donating** flowers to us on a weekly basis since 2008 (which means we only have to purchase flowers for Easter, Christmas, Confirmation and First Communion). Also, in the no surprise category is without their generous donation we would struggle financially to purchase flowers weekly to adorn our Sanctuary. Bottom line: please show your gratitude for their kindness by patronizing their business.

Pay it Forward!

Dutch Valley Florist

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April Calendar

Bible Study Every Tuesday @ 6:30 pm:

April 4, 7 p.m.: Altar Rosary Meeting

April 8, 11:30 a.m.: Vacation Raffle Drawing

April 9, 6:15 p.m.: 3rd & 4th Grade in Church for Confessions

April 11, 6:30: Trustee /Parish Council Meeting

April 23, 6:15 pm: 2nd Grade in Church

April 30, 6:15 pm: 2nd Grade in Church for First Communion Rehearsal
