

Divine Mercy Sunday

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Saturday: 4:00pm - 4:30pm and *anytime* by appointment.

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Please call the rectory anytime a person is sick and would like to be anointed or visited.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Please call our parish office to arrange pre-Baptismal instruction and the time of the ceremony.

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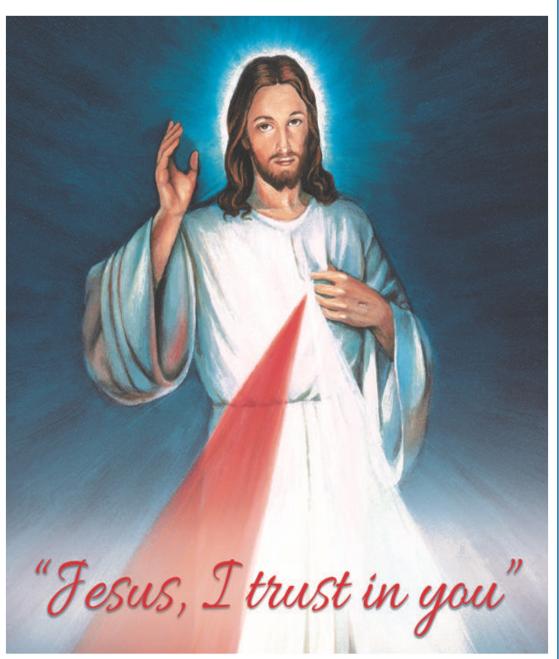
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Preparation for marriage must begin at least six months before actual ceremony.
Please call our parish office.
Sacrament of Confirmation:
Confirmation preparation

Confirmation preparation begins in the 9th grade and the sacrament is received in the 10th grade. Adults can join the **RCIA program**; contact the parish office.

Holy Days of Obligation:

7:30am& 6:30pm (No evening Mass the day before the Holy Day.) <u>The Rosary</u> is prayed Tuesdays at 4:30pm in the parish library. Open to all!



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MASS Schedule this Week

Saturday April 27

5:00pm Joseph Rhodes Jr. r/b Dan McMahon and Joe

Rhodes

Sean O'Neal r/b Amanda Babineaux

SUNDAY April 28 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER

8:00am Bruce M. Goodnow r/b his wife Gloria

10:30am Grace for Evan Beck

** Prayer Service for Divine Mercy Sunday** 3:00pm

April 29 St. Catherine of Sienna, Virgin & Doctor Mon.

7:30am Grace for Evan Beck Tues. April 30 St Pius V, Pope

7:30am Barbara Mooney r/b her Aunt Maureen Thornton

May 1 St Joseph the Worker Wed. 7:30am The Parishioners of Christ the King

May 2 St Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Thurs.

Church

7:30am Yolanda Festa r/b Bob & Sue Staab May 3 Sts Philip and James, Apostles Friday 7:30am Ronald Swanson r/b Agnes O'Connor

Saturday May 4

5:00pm Mary Maietta r/b her daughters Maria & Grace

Josephine Barberio r/b her husband Pasquale

SUNDAY April 28

8:00am Florence Hurley r/b her family

10:30am The Deceased members of the Platt and

Butke Families

The SANCTUARY lamp for the month of April will be lit for Genevieve Hornyk and Dorothy Staab.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from? Q: If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers - the Divine Mercy Chaplet - and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young women, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come."

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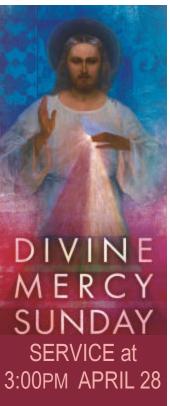
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PRAYING THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET



Begin with the Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Apostles Creed. Using regular rosary beads, work your way around the five decades with the prayers below. On the standalone beads, pray: "Eternal Father, I offer you the body, blood, soul, and divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world." On the decade beads, pray: "For the sake of his sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on

the whole world." At the end, pray the following three times: "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

It is typical to conclude the Divine Mercy Chaplet with the words: "Jesus, I trust in you."

Everyday Stewardship Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

After my mother passed away, my sister and father had a falling out of sorts. When he moved to be closer to me, she told me that she didn't ever want to speak to him again, saying, "Even if he is on his death bed, do not call me." My father was in his late 70's, and the pain he would have felt if he knew her wishes would have been too much to bear. Because of this, I made a decision to not tell him. This also put a strain on my relationship with my sister as I cared for the one person in this world she seemed to despise the most.

Of all the gifts God has given us, time and family are at the top of the list to be cherished. Also, both are finite gifts. Our family members will not walk in this world forever, and each day that slips away cannot be restored. Still, we build up walls of fear, doubt, resentment, anger, and pain, not allowing ourselves to forgive and be good stewards of what we have been given.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, God's mercy is overflowing through all the earth. There is no excuse for you and me to not be reconciled with God and accept this profound compassion. In turn, there is no excuse to not extend that mercy and reconcile with those who have hurt us.

I always believed I would have a renewed relationship with my sister when my father's death would come to pass. Two weeks after he passed, my sister suddenly died as well. There is no rewind of time. Yes, good stewards, today is the day! - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE MASS

Saturday, May 4, 2019, 8:30am at Christ the King Church

Pray for the pre-born, the sanctity of **all** human life, and healing for all who have suffered because of abortion.

Join our own Fr. Walter Nagle, celebrant.

The Power of Prayer is Endless.

Holy Trinity Cluster Pro-Life Committee

Meeting this Wed., the first Wed., May 1, @ 7-8pm At St. Mark's in Westbrook, upstairs.

All are welcome!

Men's Club Meeting

This week, the first Thursday, May 2 @ 6pm in Our Lady of Good Counsel Hall (our parish hall)

New members welcome!

Take 15 minutes today—with your family or in the quiet of your room to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. (Use Rosary Beads)

"Mercy is the greatest attribute of God." - St. Faustina

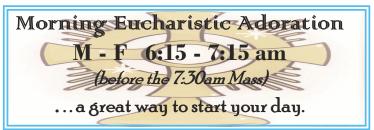
SAVE THE DATE! June 6-9, 2019 Men's ACTS Retreat Sponsored by Our Parish, Christ the King Location: Enders Island, Mystic



Catholic men present an ACTS weekend retreat under the guidance of clergy. The retreat begins Thursday evening and ends on Sunday after 10:30 A.M. mass at Christ the King followed by a reception in Our Lady of Good Counsel Hall. There are registration forms on a table in the narthex. Want to know more? Call Rich Nelson at 860-333-7264; Bryan Fiengo at 203-444-2176; or Bill Bertsche at 860-536-4526.

"MERCY IS THE GREATEST ATTRIBUTE OF GOD."
- St. Faustina







Today, the Second Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday!

Celebrate Divine Mercy at 3:00pm, April 28th At Christ the King Church

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!

Pope John Paul II said that the image of the Divine Mercy, which Our Lord requested to be solemnly blessed and venerated on this day, 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 ravs 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 feast day "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 just recently 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 Excerpts taken from the Diary of St. Faustina, copyright 1987 Marians of the Immaculate Conception, Stockbridge MA., USA

Malta Laundry Basket

The Order of Malta, Eastern Connecticut, passes out "personal needs" bags to the homeless. These include toothpaste, deodorant, crackers, water etc. Recently they asked for T shirts as a



priority need. If anyone can pick up a few T shirts, they will appreciate it. Any Size, Any color, just drop them in the Lenten Laundry basket in the back of church. Thanks. Sue & Bob Staab.co Chairs. Eastern CT Order of Malta.

Scripture Readings: Week of April 28, 2019

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/Rv 1:9-13, 17-19/

Jn 20:19-31

Mon: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8 **Tues:** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

Wed: Gn 1:26--2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2-4, 12-14,

Thur: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

Fri: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14 <u>Sat</u>: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13

[2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14



Bereavement Ministry: We gather on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm in the **St. John's rectory**. If you want to be with others who understand feelings of loss, please join us. Contact Donna MacNeill 860-395-7326.

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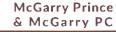


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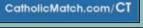
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