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April 8, 2018 Pastor : Rev. Peter Eke Devine Mercy Sunday



From the Pastor's Desk

This weekend we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Each Divine Mercy Sunday a special plenary indulgence is available under the usual conditions. We will recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm on Sunday in the church. In the 1930s, when Jesus appeared to a young Polish nun, Sister Faustina, He required of her the institution of the Divine Mercy Feast on the Sunday after Easter. Pope John Paul II has done this and officially declared the young nun a saint. The Divine Mercy Devotion incorporates the image of the Divine Mercy, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, the 3 o'clock prayer to the Divine Mercy, the prayer for the conversion of sinners, and the great gift of the feast day itself for those who go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on this day.

The account of this apparition is documented in St Faustina's diary which is called Divine Mercy in my Soul. Jesus told St Faustina: Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory. I desire that there be a Feast of Mercy. I want this image, which you will paint with a brush, to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy.

During prayer, says St Faustina, I heard these words within me: 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. These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father. Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him. Jesus went on to say: I desire that priests proclaim this great mercy of Mine towards souls of sinners. Let the sinner not be afraid to approach Me. The flames of mercy are burning Me - clamouring to be spent; I want to pour them out upon these souls. Once, Jesus said to St Faustina: My gaze from this image is like My gaze from the cross. 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."

Once, as I was going down the hall to the kitchen, I heard these words in my soul: Say unceasingly the chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy. He spoke these words to me: 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. He who refuses to pass through the door of My mercy must pass through the door of My justice..... I am more generous toward sinners than toward the just. Write, speak of My mercy. Tell souls where they are to look for solace; that is, in the Tribunal of Mercy [the Sacrament of Reconciliation]. There the greatest miracles take place [and] are incessantly repeated. To avail oneself of this miracle, it is not necessary to go on a great pilgrimage or to carry out some external ceremony; it suffices to come with faith to the feet of My representative and to reveal to him one's misery, and the miracle of Divine Mercy will be fully demonstrated. Were a soul like a decaying corpse so that from a human standpoint, there would be no [hope of] restoration and everything would already be lost, it is not so with God. The miracle of Divine Mercy restores that soul in full. Oh, how miserable are those who do not take advantage of the miracle of God's mercy! You will call out in vain, but it will be too late.

In Latin, mercy is signified by "misericordia." This is two words combined, the Latin "miseriae" meaning misery and the Latin "cor" or "cordis" meaning heart. It is the nature of God's mercy that His heart extends into our misery and redeems it. This is the answer to the mystery of human suffering as it relates to redemption. Mercy signifies that God draws our misery into His own infinitely loving heart. When the saints and sinners experience God's mercy and recognize it for what it is, there is only one truly profound response, that of Our blessed mother who cried out "my soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord!"

Know that you are loved, Fr. Peter

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 10th @ 9am

+ Patricia Gosinski reg. The Gosinski Family

Wednesday, April 11th @ 6pm

+ Lawrence Veihl req. Lois Veihl

Thursday, April 12th @ 9am

+ Ruby Jewel reg. Carl Schaefer

Friday, April 13th @ 9am

+ Virgilius Eke

Saturday, April 14th @ 5pm

+ Sis Ellenberger req. Bill Ellenberger

Sunday, April 15th @ 10am

Parishioners of St. Monica & St. Paul



Come and check out our Parish library in classroom 5.

Readings for Week of April 9th

Mon: Is 7:10-14; 8:10 / Lk 1:26-38

Tues: Acts 4:32-37 / Jn 3:7b-15

Wed: Acts 5:17-26 / Jn 3:16-21 Thurs: 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

Sun: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 / Ps 4 / 1Jn 2:1-5a / Lk 24:35-48

Week at a Glance

Tuesday, April 10th

Ladies Study Group 4:30pm AA 8 pm, Hall (Rm. 1 & 2)

Wednesday, April 11th NO Soup Kitchen Karate 6pm

Friday, April 13th

Parish Council Meeting 9:45 am AA 8 pm, Hall (Rm. 1 & 2)

Sunday, April 15th K-12 Faith Formation 11:15am



Classes April 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th



Thank you to all who brought items for our local food bank.

The Knights of Columbus would like to extend a very grateful Thank you to all who helped make this year's fish frys a wonderful success.

Whether you set-up, worked the

various day's needed, made dessert or came and had dinner.

THANK YOU!

There are still a few 2018 envelopes left. Please pick yours up in the vestibule.



If you know of someone whom we can put on the prayer list or someone who can be taken off, please let us know at the office. We want to make sure everyone's needs are being met Thank you. Just give us a call at 733-6053

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Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8th @ 3pm

Holy Hour, Adoration, Chaplet, Confession

If you have a Rice Bowl and have not dropped it off. You can do so anytime the office is open or in the vestibule before or after Mass. Thank you!

THIS SUNDAY

Knights of Columbus Breakfast Sunday, April 8th 9am—12pm

Farm fresh eggs, pancakes, french toast, bacon, sausage, potatoes, biscuits and gravy and a beverage. All for a goodwill offering!

Stop by and have Breakfast and support the Knights and all they do!



Mark Your Calendar

Tues. Apr. 17th— No Mass Wed. Apr. 18th—No Mass -Soup Kitchen

Thurs. Apr. 19th—Mass 9am Fri. Apr. 20th—Mass 9am

Those in need of our prayers...

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