

Divine Mercy Sunday



This Sunday, April 7th, the Church celebrates the second Sunday of Easter, also called the Sunday of the Divine Mercy and it ends the Octave of Easter. The Octave of Easter is the eight-day period during which Easter Sunday is celebrated during these days. In other words, the whole week (from Easter Sunday to Divine Mercy Sunday) is only one day, where all Christians celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord as only one big day. Pope St. John Paul II, on April 30, 2000, during the canonization of sister Faustina Kowalska, designated the second Sunday of Easter as the Divine Mercy Sunday. Do you know something about this devotion to the Divine Mercy? Here is a summary of this wonderful devotion.

The History of the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy

In 1935, St. Faustina received a vision of an angel sent by God to chastise a certain city. She began to pray for mercy, but her prayers were powerless. Suddenly she saw the Holy Trinity and felt the power of Jesus' grace within her. At the same time, she found herself pleading with God for mercy with words she heard interiorly: Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world; for the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us. (Diary, 475)

As she continued saying this inspired prayer, the angel became helpless and could not carry out the deserved punishment (see 474). The next day, as she was entering the chapel, she again heard this interior voice, instructing her how to recite the prayer that our Lord later called "the Chaplet." This time, after "have mercy on us" were added the words "and on the whole world" (476). From then on, she recited this form of prayer almost constantly, offering it especially for the dying.

In subsequent revelations, the Lord made it clear that the Chaplet was not just for her, but for the whole world. He also attached extraordinary promises to its recitation.

Encourage souls to say the Chaplet which I have given you (1541). Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death (687). When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the Merciful Savior (1541). 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 (687). I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy (687). Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will. (1731)

Prayed on ordinary rosary beads, The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist, so it is especially appropriate to use it after having received Holy Communion at Holy Mass. It may be said at any time, but our Lord specifically told St. Faustina to recite it during the nine days before the Feast of Mercy (the first Sunday after Easter). He then added: "By this Novena, [of Chaplets] I will grant every possible grace to souls." (796)

It is likewise appropriate to pray the Chaplet during the "Hour of Great Mercy" — three o'clock each afternoon (recalling the time of Christ's death on the cross). In His revelations to St. Faustina, Our Lord asked for a special remembrance of His Passion at that hour. Taking text from <u>https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/chaplet-history</u>

God bless you, and may the Blessed Virgin Mary be with you.

Fr. Jorge Ramirez

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES: If you have a pastoral emergency after office hours; please call (315) 604-8070.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES: Saturday (vigil) 4:30 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

DAILY MASS TIMES: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Call Tricia Kull, Faith Formation Coordinator at 265-4750.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Saturdays from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Tuesdays from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Oct. - June or by appointment with a priest.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Arrangements for marriage for registered parishioners must be made at least six months in advance through the Parish Office. Preparation includes meetings with the pastor, Pre-Cana and the Fully Engaged inventory.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: The Eucharist and Sacramental Anointing are available to the homebound and those in need. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

HOSPITAL VISITS: Please call the Parish Office in advance, if possible.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday - 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS: We welcome new members! Please introduce yourself after Mass to the Pastor and stop by the Parish Office to register. Members moving to another parish, changing address or phone numbers, please notify the Parish Office promptly.

FAITH FORMATION: See our website or contact Tricia Kull for more information at (585) 265-4750 or Tricia.Kull@dor.org

- Religious Education Classes offered for Grades 1-7 in our Sunday Program or Family Program.
- Sacrament Preparation for First Penance and First Holy Communion (two-year program) for Grades 2 and over.
- Confirmation Preparation (two-year program) for Youth in Grades 8 and over.
- RCIC to prepare children ages 7-17 to enter fully into the Catholic Church through Baptism.
- Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays (October -June) during our 10:30am Mass for Grades Pre-K - 3.
- Children, Youth, and Family opportunities to gather in fellowship throughout the year. Watch our monthly newsletter for more information.

Altar Cleaning Volunteer Needed

Have you ever wondered how the Sanctuary is kept clean and ready for worship? We have five teams of God's helpers.

We are now looking for someone who can take their turn to vacuum and dust the Sanctuary and Sacristy once every three months. It would take about an hour.

If you can help, please call Mary Ann Spinelli at 585-265-9395. Thank you.

Welcome to the Newly Received



Holy Trinity was blessed to welcome several new members into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on March 30, 2024. Brett Lane, Patrick Walsh, James Harold, Sr., and Jayden Cooper were Baptized into new life, sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and became one with Christ in the Eucharist. They were joined by Kyle Beyea who made a profession of faith and was received into full communion with the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Brianna Purcio, Jenna Randazzo, Naomi Vaquera, and Amanda Fuhr completed their initiation into the church through the sacrament of Confirmation.

Please keep these members of our family in your prayers as they continue their faith journey.

Becoming Catholic

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is a spiritual journey for adults interested in joining the Catholic Church through Baptism or in completing the Sacraments of Initiation. For more information, please contact Fr. George or Mary Kramer.

Easter Flower Donations - 2024

We thank the following people for their donations to the Holy Trinity Easter Flower Fund. Your contributions have made our church more beautiful this Easter season.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sippel, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Charles VanNeil

Mr. and Mrs. Halbert Harris

Altar Candles will burn this week for the following:



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in Loving Memory of Kevin Lanigan, req. by family.

Our Blessed Mother's Altar Candle will burn in Loving Memory of James Belmont, req. by mom, dad and family.

St. Joseph's Altar Candle will burn in Thanksgiving for Father George.

If you would like a candle in memory of a loved one or for special intentions, please call the parish office.

A REMINDER: If you need a devotional candle lit immediately for a loved one, a special occasion, or special intentions, you are invited to light the small votives that are on the side altars of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Come pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet on April 7, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.



In a vision to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in 1935, our Lord revealed a powerful prayer that He wanted everyone to say - The Chaplet of Divine Mercy - and He promised extraordinary graces to those who would recite it.

In His revelation to St. Faustina, our Lord asked for special prayer and veneration for His Passion during the 3 o'clock hour (recalling the time of Christ's death on the cross)

Confessions

Tuesday:

Cancelled for April 9, 2024 Saturday: 3:00 - 4:00 pm.

> Come and experience the healing power of the Sacrament of Penance.

> > LOSED



Senior Ministry Events

Don't miss out on the following upcoming Senior Ministry Events!



Thursday, April 11. Potluck Lunch. Call Mary Sue Spisak to sign up. (585) 789-7512. Trinity Hall 12-2 pm.

Monday, May 13. Pathway to priesthood; Fr. George's journey from Colombia to Webster. Trinity Hall 1:30 pm.

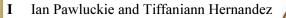
Monday, June 17. Jersey Boy's Bus Trip Sign-up at April 11th potluck lunch.

Bereavement Support Meeting

In a small group setting we encourage listening, sharing and guidance in hopes that our experiences will help each other lighten the grief of loss.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 9th at 2:00 pm Holy Trinity Church - Wing Room

BANNS OF MARRIAGE





March 2024 Totals

Blessings to all who donated through the mail, on line and dropping off at the Parish Office. We continue to strive to maintain our goals for the month. Holy Trinity is grateful for your continued support.

Please consider going online to give - Call Tim Reetz @265-1616 ext. 304.

GOAL:	\$ 85,150.00
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	\$ 48,866.03
LOOSE COLLECTION:	\$ 6,935.91
HOLIDAY	\$ 9,051.00
CHILDREN'S OFFERING	\$ 59.86
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 23,701.50
VARIANCE:	\$ 3,464.30

Attendance for March 30/31: 1575

Tithing: Stewardship in Motion

It is easy to make your financial contribution to Holy Trinity Church by automatic withdrawal directly from your bank account with no charge to you using our electronic Intentional Giving Program.

The Eucharistic Revival: A Year of Parish Revival Session 4: Jesus and the Eucharist. Why a Church?

Why do we need the Church? Isn't it sufficient to follow Christ's teachings and pray regularly? While these actions are important, the Catechism tells us that God saw a need for the Church. Through Christ, we received the gift of the Church so that we may have a way to experience God's love and form an intimate relationship with Him. The Church not only protects and proclaims all Christ's teachings, but She also confers God's grace through the Sacraments. The first Sacraments we receive provide us with initiation into Christ's Church and starts us on the path to salvation.

The Church plays a special role in our salvation. Beyond proclaiming Christ's teachings that we are all called to follow, the Church enables us to experience a unique encounter with Christ. A key part in establishing this encounter is the Eucharist. Reception of the Eucharist, the true presence of Christ, is critical for the forgiveness of our sins and unifies us with other members of the Church. When we receive the Eucharist, Christ is not only present in His Church, but present in us as well.

Join us again, or for the first time, at the next session, "Why a Church?" We will gather Thursday, April 11 at 6:30pm in Trinity Hall. Sign up is located in the Gathering Space, but of course, if you find yourself available, all are welcome!



Due to the nature of the series, we are unable to livestream this event. If you are not able to come for the Eucharistic Revival reflection, you are invited to watch the videos at home. Just scan the QR code below.



Rosary Repair Clinic

Do you have damaged or broken rosaries? Bring them to Holy Trinity's rosary repair clinic. April Schwenzer-Bennett will be repairing rosaries during masses **the weekend of April 13-14**.

Please bring them to Trinity Hall before mass. The goal will be to have your rosaries ready to go home with you after Mass. Any rosaries that need extra time will be returned to church for pick up at a later date. April will also be taking donated or broken rosaries to be repaired and left in the church for others to enjoy.

If there are any jewelers or people who can help during any or all the masses or if you have questions, please contact April. 585.820.5810 (text or call) <u>April.wcsd@gmail.com</u> *please put "rosary repair" in subject line.

April Penny Sunday Sr. Regis Food Cupboard April 13 & 14th

Sr. Regis Food Cupboard continues to feed the needy and welcome the stranger as a ministry of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish. The food cupboard serves the 14605, 14609 and 14621 zip codes in the City of Rochester.



Magnificat Rochester invites **Women** to a breakfast at **St. Pius the Tenth Parish Center** (new venue) 3010 Chili Ave. on **Saturday, April 20th**; the program begins at 9:30am until noon. Seating begins at 8:30am.

Our speaker is **Lisa Lickona.** She is a writer, research director and editor. Lisa holds an MA in Theological Studies and is Assistant Professor at St Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry. She lives locally with her large family.

Reservations \$25.00 (new price!); Student \$20.00; deadline to register is April 13th. Registration required; no tickets sold at the door. To register, mail check to: Magnificat Rochester, PO Box 24787, Rochester NY, 14624; include your name, address, phone number and email address. You can also our PayPal website register via on at www.MagnificatRochester.org. For more information: call Diane Hayes at 585-943-4759, or send an email to: RochesterMagnificat@gmail.com.

Mass Intentions: April 6th - April 14th All weekday and weekend Masses will be live-streamed

Saturday -April 6, 2024 4:30 p.m. (VIGIL) For the people of Holy Trinity, living and deceased

SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER April 7, 2024

8:30 a.m. † Patricia DuRocher, req. by Peter & Thomas Romeo 10:30 a.m. † Carolyn Brennan, req. by Linda Falzano

Monday - THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD April 8, 2024 9:00 a.m. † Michael Kirchgessner, req. by Elaine Saetta

Tuesday - Easter Weekday April 9, 2024 9:00 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday - Easter Weekday April 10, 2024 9:00 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday - St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr April 11, 2024 9:00 a.m. † Robbie Haley, req. by family

Friday - Easter Weekday

April 12, 2024 9:00 a.m. † Roman & Dorothy Kuhn, req. by Ron & Jill Malley

Saturday -

April 13, 2024 4:30 p.m. (VIGIL) † Frederick Griffen, req. by Martin & Mary Carlin

SUNDAY - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER April 14, 2024 8:30 a.m. For the people of Holy Trinity, living and deceased 10:30 a.m. † Catherine Krowl, req. by Robert Krowl & family

This Week at Holy Trinity Church

Tuesday, April 9

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Cursillo - Wing Room 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Legion of Mary - Marian Room 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Bereavement Support Group -Wing Room

** please note Confessions are cancelled today

Thursday, April 11 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Senior Ministry Event - Welcome Spring! Potluck Luncheon - Trinity Hall 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Adoration - Church 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Eucharistic Revival - Trinity Hall

Friday, April 12

8:30 a.m. Rosary - Church8:30 a.m. Cemetery Cleanup - Holy Trinity Cemetery

Saturday, April 13

8:30 a.m. Cemetery Cleanup - Holy Trinity Cemetery 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Men's Group - Wing Room 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Confessions - Church

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MASS TIMES:

Monday - Friday: Saturday: Sunday: 9:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. Vigil 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: Tuesday 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.. (Oct. - June)

(no Tuesday confessions during the summer)

If you find that you are unable to attend Mass in person, you may view our live-stream at https://livestream.com/ accounts/18862485/events/5598269

Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the civil authorities. To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester contact our Victims Assistance Coordinator:

> Deborah Housel at 585-328-3228, ext. 1555 or 1-800-388-7177 ext: 1555 or email to victimsassistance@dor.org housel@dor.org



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