



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

“Blessed are those who have not seen
and have believed.” - Jn 20:29

Parish Stewardship

Weekly collection for 04/13/25	\$3,834.00
Weekly collection for 04/20/25	not available
Weekly budget goal	\$3,425.00
Difference	+409.00
CSA 2025 Assessment Goal	\$30,504.00
CSA Pledges to date	\$27,515.00

**POPE'S INTENTION FOR APRIL
For The Use of New Technologies**

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world.
Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Baptismal Training Sessions 2025

April 30th	6:00 pm	St. Leo, Ridgway	814-772-3135
May 22nd	6:30 pm	St. Marys Church	814-781-1019

FAITH FORMATION -- ALL Faith Formation students will meet in the Faith Formation Center for class this weekend.

We welcome Hayley Knepper to our Parish family as she celebrated her Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Eucharist during the Easter Vigil last Saturday evening. These Sacraments that she received are the Sacraments of Full Initiation.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST will be held on Sunday, May 11, 2025, after Mass. Due to the damage at the Social Hall, we will gather for breakfast at the Bennetts Valley Community Center (former elementary school). Tickets will go on sale after Mass on April 26/27 and May 3/4. The cost will be \$8 for adult/\$3 for children 10 and under.

Parenting Pointer #1142
As our children get older, they start to turn the tables on us. They reflect back to us both the good qualities we modeled for them and the gruff words we said in anger. They may teach us the ways of the modern world as we continue to try to teach them age old wisdom. It's a two way street. What has your child taught you today?

May Crowning May 4th All Faith Formation families are to attend Mass and after Mass, as a Parish family, we will process to the Fatima Shrine for the May Crowning celebration. **This is a great way to honor our Blessed Mother!**

Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville, PA

Website: <https://www.anawiministries.com>

Upcoming Retreats in 2025:

Poetry - May 15-18 @ 5:30 pm on Thursday - \$475

Directed Silent Retreat - May 27-June 3 @ 5:30 pm - \$875

Kersey K of C Monthly Breakfast Sunday, May 4th, from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. or sold out. St. Boniface Social Hall. \$10 for adults; \$5 for 16 and under. All are invited to come and enjoy this "all you can eat" breakfast buffet!

**Divine Mercy Sunday
(A Question and Its Promises)**

The image of the Divine Mercy of Jesus our Lord began in 1931, in Poland, when our Lord Jesus Christ appeared to St. Faustina. In the vision, she saw Jesus, clothed in a white garment, with His Right Hand raised in a way as if He were giving a blessing. His Left Hand was touching His Garment in the area of His Heart, where two large rays of light came forth. One of the rays of light was red, and the other pale in color.

In the vision, our Lord explained to St. Faustina the meaning of His Mercy flowing from the rays. He explained that they represent blood and water. The pale ray stands for water, which makes the soul righteous. The red ray stands for blood, which is life for the soul. The image of our Divine Merciful Lord indicates and represents all of the Graces of Divine Mercy, which is being poured out upon the world and especially within the Holy Sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist.

This feast day was established by St. Pope John Paul II when he made the announcement during his homily at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. It was there that he declared, "It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the Word of God on the Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church, will be called ***Divine Mercy Sunday***."

What Graces can I receive on Mercy Sunday?

The promises and desires that Jesus expressed about Mercy Sunday are recorded in the *Diary of St. Maria Faustina* #699- the main passage of ***Mercy Sunday***.

- * On that day, the very depths of My Tender Mercy are open.
- * I pour out a whole ocean of Graces upon 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 temporal punishment.
- * 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.
- * My Mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or angel, will be able to fathom it throughout eternity.
- * Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My Love and Mercy throughout all eternity.
- * 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.

(Marian Helpers Center, Eden Hill, Stockbridge, MA 01263)

God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, April 28, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Joseph & Florence Fenice Family	Family	Easter Weekday <i>Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest</i>	Acts 4: 23-31 Jn 3: 1-8 (267)
Tuesday, April 29, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Rose Youngmark	Dale & Cindy Duell	Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	Acts 4: 32-37 Jn 3: 7b-15 (268)
Wednesday, April 30, 2025 No Mass			Easter Weekday <i>Saint Pius V, Pope</i>	Acts 5: 17-26 Jn 3: 16-21 (269)
Thursday, May 01, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass National Day of Prayer	Ronald Mitchell	Parishioner	Easter Weekday <i>Saint Joseph the Worker</i>	Acts 5: 27-33 Jn 3: 31-36 (270)
Friday, May 02, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass	Mabel Gillen	Dianne Olewnik	Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Acts 5: 34-42 Jn 6: 1-15 (271)
Saturday, May 03, 2025 8:30 a.m. Mass FIRST SATURDAY	Grace Gavazzi	John & Becky Bricen	Saints Philip and James, Apostles	1 Cor 15: 1-8 Jn 14: 6-14 (561)
Saturday, May 03, 2025 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		Vigil of the Third Sunday of Easter	(see below)
Sunday, May 04, 2025 9:15 a.m. Mass	Agnes Calari	Family	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41 Rv 5: 11-14 Jn 21: 1-19 or 21: 1-14 (48)

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Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm Sunday: 9:15 am Holy Days: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm Daily: Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 am No Mass on Wednesday

Divine Mercy Sunday April 27, 2025

Father Mark will lead the Divine Mercy Chaplet beginning at 3:00 pm in the Church. Following the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Dr. Janet Satterlee will be conducting an afternoon mini-retreat on prayer in the Faith Formation Center.

On the following Mondays, during the month of May, the 5th, 12th, and 19th, Dr. Janet Satterlee will be leading an Adult Faith Formation class on The Blessed Mother, Mary, and the Rosary, beginning at 6:30 pm in the Faith Formation Center. (All are welcome)

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