



*For the sake of
His sorrowful Passion, have mercy
on us and on the whole world.*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Parish Stewardship

Weekly collection 04/05/26	n/a
Weekly budget	\$.3,425.00
Difference	n/a
CSA Assessment (2026)	\$30,986.00
Pledges to date	\$25,020.00

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**POPE’S INTENTION FOR APRIL
For Priests in Crisis**

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



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 2026

April 29 6:00 pm St. Leo, Ridgway 814-772-3135

Divine Mercy Sunday Chaplet will be prayed in the Church on Sunday, April 12th, at 3:00 PM. **All are welcome!**

Faith Formation classes will resume on Sunday, April 12th.

In Remembrance

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Veronica Brown, Pauline Lovenduski, Janet Dinsmore, Joseph Uberti, Sr., William Herzing, and Joseph Caliarì.**

May God grant them eternal rest.

MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST The Mother’s/Daughter’s breakfast will be held on Sunday, May 10th. Tickets will be on sale after Mass on April 25/26 and May 2/3. The cost will be \$8 for adult women and \$3 for girls 10 and under.

**Please purchase your tickets no later than May 3rd.

A Family Perspective: “Whose sins you forgive, are forgiven” signifies that the Kingdom of God begins in your home, where children learn the paths of peace through the example set by their parents. Holding on to grudges only leads to greater misery over time.

Millions of Monicas Like St. Monica, we pray for our children in need of God’s Mercy and a return to the Church. A new **Millions of Monicas** prayer group is beginning at **St. Leo Magnus Church**. We will meet **Wednesdays at 6pm, beginning May 6th**. Women are invited to gather for one hour of guided prayer, which always includes a Rosary. All women are welcome. Many who come are mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and confirmation sponsors, following the example of St. Monica in her perseverance in prayer. This is not a support group, and no sensitive information is shared. For more information, call 814-772-3135. No sign up necessary and no cost.



The Image of Divine Mercy

In 1931, our Lord Jesus Christ, appeared to St. Faustina in a vision. St. Faustina was from Poland, where she had received the visions. She saw Jesus, clothed in a white garment, with His Right Hand raised in a way as if He was 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. They represent Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for water, which makes the soul righteous. The red ray stands for the 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 Sacrament of Baptism and the Eucharist.

The 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.’”

Graces from praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet

- On that day, the very depths of My Tender Mercy are open.
- I pour out an ocean of graces upon souls who approach the font of My Mercy (the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist).
- The soul that would go to Confession before receiving Holy Communion (on that day) shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and temporal punishment.
- On that day, all the divine flood gates through which graces flow are opened.
- Let no soul fear to draw near to me, even though it 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 font of My Mercy.

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, April 13, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Poor Souls in Purgatory		Easter Weekday <i>Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr</i>	Acts 4: 23-31 Jn 3: 1-8 (267)
Tuesday, April 14, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Frank Colo	Donald & Nancy Chiappelli	Easter Weekday	Acts 4: 32-37 Jn 3: 7b-15 (268)
Wednesday, April 15, 2026 No Mass			Easter Weekday	Acts 5: 17-26 Jn 3: 16-21 (269)
Thursday, April 16, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Raymond & Victoria Gornati	Family	Easter Weekday	Acts 5: 27-33 Jn 3: 31-36 (270)
Friday, April 17, 2026 8:30 a.m. Mass	Frank Michelini birthday	Children	Easter Weekday	Acts 5: 34-42 Jn 6: 1-15 (271)
Saturday, April 18, 2026 No a.m. Mass			Easter Weekday	Acts 6: 1-7 Jn 6: 16-21 (272)
Saturday, April 18, 2026 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		Vigil of the Third Sunday of Easter	(see below)
Sunday, April 19, 2026 9:15 a.m. Mass	Irene Carobine Monte	nieces and nephews	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Acts 2: 14, 22-33 1 Pt 1: 17-21 Lk 24: 13-35 (46)

St. Joseph Church

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday thru Thursday 9a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Are You Like Thomas?

On this special day, when we celebrate Divine Mercy, in our Gospel Reading we hear the Healing Words of Jesus when He appears to His Apostles; "Peace be with you." He continues to offer healing to them by the Holy Spirit Who can bring them forgiveness. Forgiveness toward each other and toward the Pharisees and Roman soldiers, who condemned Jesus to death. We also hear of Thomas, who had the problem of doubt. Jesus continues His Healing by showing Thomas that He is truly present with His Words; "Put your finger here in my hand and side and believe." Thomas was healed of his doubt.

My friends, a good question for all of us...

Where in our lives do we need Jesus' Healing PEACE, and His Healing FORGIVENESS, and His Healing FROM DOUBT?

God Bless, Father Mark



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