
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun April 19 Second Sunday of Easter



Monday, April 20

†Denise DiGiacobbe (*Ron Skupien*)

Tuesday, April 21 St. Anselm

†Victor Raia (*M/M Scott Gardner*)

Wednesday, April 22

†Nancy M. Fiore (*Denis & Connie Navarro*)

Thursday, April 23 St. George, St. Adalbert

†Joann Stephens (*Charles & Joan Lynn*)

Friday, April 24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

†William Klayko

Saturday, April 25 St. Mark

†Frank & Margaret Vinglas (*Joe & Jeneen Zabinsky*)

Sunday, April 26 Third Sunday of Easter

Mass For The People
†Edward & Anna Mae Polo (*Breanne Rodgers*)

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PASTOR'S CORNER

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Next weekend April 25-26 we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of diocese in the United States are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Please use the envelope located in your pack of envelopes.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

**St. Mark,
The Evangelist**

First Century
Feast Day – April 25

According to the Acts of the Apostles, Mark's mother owned the house where the first Jerusalem Christians prayed and where Peter stayed after his miraculous release from prison (Acts 12:1-19). The New Testament also notes that Mark traveled with Paul and Barnabas on their mission to Antioch and that he was associated with both Paul and Peter in Rome. He may have written his Gospel, the shortest of the four, based on Peter's preaching while in Rome. By tradition, he was the martyred bishop of Alexandria, Egypt, with his relics later carried to Venice by Venetian merchants. In art, he is often symbolized by a lion. He is the patron saint of lions, lawyers, Venice, interpreters, and prisoners.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-APRIL 11-12, 2020

Regular	\$7565.50	Christmas	\$ 48.00
Easter	\$1610.00	Holy Land	\$ 206.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 181.00	Debt Reduction	\$ 5.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 30.00	Black & Indian	\$ 45.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 2.00	Ascension	\$ 5.00
Candle	\$ 5.00	Total	\$9702.50

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

The Communists won the municipal elections of Luzzara, Italy, on March 31, 1946. They celebrated their electoral victory, which was the natural thing to do. But sadly, they used the occasion to make a public show of sinfulness.

The day after the results, they staged a mock-burial of their beaten opponents, the Christian Democratic Party, during a parade. At the head of the procession a supposedly "dead woman" was represented. All sorts of antics and jokes were poked at that woman, dressed as a nun with an oversized Rosary in her hand, who—instead of praying "Hail Mary's"—repeatedly insulted the Virgin Mary.

After the parade, when this unfortunate woman returned home, she found that her child had died. During the "procession" through the city, while the mother was shouting blasphemies at the Holy Virgin, a truck had hit and killed the child.

But the Blessed Virgin is all merciful. She who forgave those who nailed her Son to the Cross must surely have received this innocent little victim on her motherly Heart full of mercy and tenderness.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose soul of Peggy Peterman whom we honored with Christian Burial. May God give comfort to her family.

St. Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona presents... England's Treasures.

Join Fr. Brian Saylor April 21-May 2, 2021 on a tour of England. Visit Liverpool, the home of the Beatles, and spend three nights in the Georgian town of Bath with its 2000-year-old Roman spas. Explore the monastic ruins of Glastonbury Abbey and the mystical, ancient Stonehenge. See the sights of London with a local guide and savor a traditional English roast. Cost: \$4,499 (Double) includes Round trip Air from Pittsburgh, taxes and fees/surcharges, hotel transfers.

For information or a brochure please call/email Fr. Brian at 814-944-8509/bsaylor@dioceseaj.org or Collette 844-218-2148 (refer to Booking #987192).

April 19, 2020: Second Sunday of Easter-Divine Mercy Sunday (JN 20:19-31)

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

"Whose sins you forgive, are forgiven" means the grudges we carry only make us miserable. The Kingdom of God begins in your home where children learn the paths to peace promised in today's gospel through merciful and forgiving demonstrations by their parents.

St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for April 19: Second Sunday of Easter:

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!"

During Mass we turn to each other and say "Peace be with you!" As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul box you say "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry.

If you know of someone in need, please visit our website (<http://strosesvdp.org>) to inform us of their situation. We will do our best to help in any way we can. We encourage all parishioners to use our website to help us help those in need. Thank you!

Saint Faustina:

Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. St. John Paul II explains:

This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, nazism and communism, were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercy—the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church.

~ Pope Saint John Paul II, Memory and Identity (2005)

Divine Mercy Sunday: St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed, for example:

My daughter, 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 for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... 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.

(Diary, no. 699)

On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.



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Image: Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (Diary, no. 742).

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy: The Chaplet was also given to St. Faustina with this promise: "Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you" (Diary, no. 1541). "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. ... 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" (Diary, no. 687). (Instructions for its recitation are provided on a separate page.)

The Divine Mercy Novena: Jesus gave St. Faustina nine intentions for which to pray the Chaplet beginning on Good Friday and ending on the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday.

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