

April 19, 2009

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

MASS INTENTIONS

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19

- 8 a.m. *In Thanksgiving for Gerard Cote*
r/o Charlene Cote
- 10:30 a.m. *Jim Karpinski*
r/o Wife Betty
- 3:30 p.m. *Private intention*

Monday, April 20

- 8:30 a.m. *Anna Lentine*
r/o Scott, Tonia Tozzi & Family

Tuesday, April 21

- 8:30 a.m. *Souls in Purgatory*
r/o Cathleen & Don DeLorenzo

Wednesday, April 22

- 8:30 a.m. *Joe Kelly*
r/o The Dellinger Family

Thursday, April 23

- 8:30 a.m. *Josephine Juliano*
r/o The Juliano Family

Friday, April 24

- 7 p.m. *Confirmation Mass*

Saturday, April 25

- 5 p.m. *Susan Shiminitz*
r/o The Haines Family

Dear Parishioners!

Today the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday. He told Saint Faustina of the mercy He wanted to give to the people, if only we will believe. That is our problem: We don't really believe in Jesus Christ. We don't really believe in the promises of Our Lord. Tragically, most of us are lukewarm at best. We listen, Sunday after Sunday, and, hopefully, we read the Scriptures every day. Yet we walk away, for the most part, unchanged because we really don't believe. We know fully well if we did believe we would have to change our lives; we would have to do something different; we would not fit in anymore with all the people out in the world.



The Lord wants us to understand. He wants us to know and to believe. He wants us to be at peace, knowing that our sins are truly, actually, and completely forgiven. These are not just empty rituals we are going through. We don't just go through the motions of coming here, Sunday after Sunday, and walk out unchanged. This is a reality that is more profound than anything in the world. It is the true and real presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, and the actual reality of having your soul cleansed of sin. When you kneel before the priest and hear those beautiful words of absolution, you walk out with the knowledge, the unshakable knowledge, that your sins have been removed from your soul. They are there no longer. The mercy of God is greater than anything we can do; that is what Our Lord wants us to know. There is nothing we can do that is bigger than Him. He wants, more than anything, to forgive our sins.

Let us celebrate with great comfort the Feast of the Divine Mercy, but let us also practice mercy towards others. This is the sure way to die well. Such is promised by our Lord in another place wherein He said, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain Mercy."

Confirmation Mass this coming Friday is a very special event for 21 young people. This is a very big deal in the Catholic world and the end of nearly 8 years study and preparation. It's a life-changing moment. May God bless you and good luck to :

****Important Notice: Permanent Change****

Beginning Friday, May 1 the daily Mass will begin at 8:45 a.m. The Masses on First Fridays and First Saturdays will also begin at 8:45 a.m. This is a permanent change of the daily Mass schedule.

Baptism Classes

Baptism class for first-time parents will be held on Tuesday, April 28 at 6 p.m. Classes will be held once a month. No longer will there be private sessions. Parents need to attend only one class before their child's baptism. To register, call the Parish Office: 689-8318

**Divine Mercy Sunday
April 19**

2 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Litany and Songs

3 p.m. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

3:30 p.m. Mass: Fr. Michael Saharic will be guest preacher

Amanda Elizabeth Barbera, Sean Peter Barry, Alexa Monica Beaumont, Jacqueline Sophia Blackwood, Sarah Bernadette Bowbliss, Anthony James Cancelliere, Alyssa Catherine Chambers, Stephanie Margaret Collins, Brandon Joseph Comerford, Danielle Maria D'Astoli, Joseph Christopher Farino, Nicholas Paul Garno, Melody Cecilia Haag, Angelica Theresa Jackson, Joseph William Kratochvil, Thomas Nicholas Benjamin Lizzi, Robert Francis Mason, Ryan John Mulvihill, Kyle John Oswald, Joseph John Peirano, Angela Marie Ryden, Collin Jonathan Tierney, Joshua Peter Zins.

Thank you for all your kindness at Easter Time and my Birthday.

In Christ

Fr. Zenek, SDS

Altar Rosary Society Education Award

The Altar Rosary Society is offering a grant to a high school senior who will be attending college or an institution of higher learning this fall. The grant of \$300 is to assist with educational expenses. To be eligible, the student must be a parishioner of St. Theodore Church and practicing the faith. Filing deadline is May 2. If interested, see a Rosarian after the weekend Masses for an application.

Raffle Tickets

The proceeds from our 50/50 Raffle will be applied to our mortgage. Needless to say, we are hoping the sale of tickets will be brisk! If you need more tickets (which would make us very happy) call the Parish Office 689-8318 or see a Rosarian after any of the weekend Masses. The drawing will be held on May 31. Tickets are to be returned by May 15.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

Altar Rosary Society's monthly meeting will be held on Monday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m.

The Wine Tasting Party scheduled for April 26 has been cancelled. Those who have paid will have their checks returned.

With Sincere Thanks

Thank you Diane Thomas for your donation for the purchase of the Pascal and Altar candles.

Thank you Laurene & Raymond O'Donnell for your donation towards the Lawn Mower purchase.

Altar Rosary Society's "Smart Dollars"

One of the Society's fund raising projects is called "Smart Dollars". When you purchase a grocery store card from the Society, they receive a 5% rebate. Your cost is the exact amount of the card and is exchanged—dollar for dollar; therefore, it costs you nothing additional and it raises money for the church. The cards available are redeemable at *Shop Rite, Weis Market, and A & P* in amounts of \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50 & \$100. They can be purchased in the Parish Center before and after the weekend Masses. We're sure you'll agree this is an effortless way to help raise funds. You might say, "a no-brainer"! For additional information call (Helene Picht 908-537-4754, Ann Morpeth 908-852-6406).

Our Weekly Offering

Easter	\$ 7,175.00
Last Year	\$ 9,731.44



Special Collection

4/25/09 Church in Europe

Religious Education Corner

*Confirmation Practice: 4/20/09 @ 6:15 p.m. in the church

* First Communion Practice: 4/20/09 @ 6:15 p.m. in the church

*The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on Candidates on Friday, April 24. Candidates are to be in the church by 6:15 p.m.

The Sacrament of First Communion will be held on May 2: Class 1-A, 10 a.m.; Class 1-B, 1 p.m.

May 3: First Communion children are to attend the 10:30 Mass and Crowning of the Blessed Mother.

Children are to be dressed in their Communion clothes for this Mass.

MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

ALTAR SERVERS

April 25 Carlee Moran, Christopher Pollack

April 26 Mackenzie & Robert Mason 8; Gianna Orrechio, Meghan VanAlstyne, Justin Watt 10:30

LECTORS

April 25 Fran Licciardiello

April 26 Mary Rupell 8; Elmar Kollar 10:30

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

April 25-Denise Flaherty C, Tim Flaherty C, Eileen Mattison E

April 26 -Emily Cirone C, Karl Strohmaier C, Rose Strohmaier E 8; Patricia Kollar C, Jane Labato C, Tina Jackson E 10:30



Prayers for the Sick

Margaret Glackin, Leslie Kuhn, Erin Stanton, Chris, John
Grigalunas, Mrs. Fred Logan, Mrs. Skiawinska, Debbie
Carmeci, Anna & John Saksa

Sts. Philip & James 2009 School Carnival

Roseberry Street, Phillipsburg, NJ

Wednesday, April 29 through Sunday, May 3

Wrist Band Days—Pay one Price:

Thur. 6-10 pm, Sat. noon to 5 pm, Sun. noon to 6 pm

Rides for all ages, Tricky Tray, Food & Drinks

For more info call school @ 908-859-1244