## A Place to Share God's Word, Faith, Family Life & Fellowship St. Peter Claver St. Pius V Catholic Church – "One in the Spirit"



# Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy April 7, 2024

#### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil Sunday

### DAILY MASSES

Mondays		
Tuesdays		
Thursdays		
Fridays		

#### HOLY DAYS

TBA

4:00 p.m.

9:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m.

## Religious Education

Elementary & First Communion Sundays: Immediately following Mass

High School & Confirmation  $2^{nd}$ ,  $4^{th}$ , &  $5^{th}$  Sundays – 11:00 a.m.

 $\begin{array}{c} RCIA-1^{st} \mbox{ \& } 3^{rd} \mbox{ Wednesdays}-7 \mbox{ p.m.} \\ 1^{st} \mbox{ \& } 3^{rd} \mbox{ Sundays}-11 \mbox{ a.m.} \end{array}$ 

**Baptism & Marriage Preparation** By Appointment



Thank You!

For visiting our church. You are always welcome here!

"Let mutual love continue, and do not forget to offer hospitality to strangers, for by doing this some have entertained angels without knowing it." Hebrews 13:1-2

# PASTOR'S CORNER

"You can't love someone you don't know!! I love God because I know Him, even though I don't always stay in the room He has assigned to me!! I am glad, nonetheless, that even when I spend some time outside or even sleep out of my room, He doesn't give out the room because He love me and waits for me to return back home!! Laudetur lesus Christus!!"



- April 8 Health & Wellness Exercise Class
- April 11 Health & Wellness Exercise Class
- April 14 Elementary & High School RE Classes/SIP Meeting
- **April 17** Emergency Food Distribution
- April 18 Health & Wellness Exercise Class
- April 20 Pastoral Council Retreat/Health & Wellness Meeting
- April 21 Elementary RE Class/OCIA



## Weekly Readings

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/ Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/ 1 John 5:1-6/ John 20:19-31 Monday: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10/Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-11/ Hebrews 10:4-10/ Luke 1:26-38 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/ Psalm 1ab, 1cd-2, 5/John 3:7b-15 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/ Psalm 34:2-9/ John 3:16-21 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/ Psalm 34:2, 9, 17-20/ John 3:31-36 Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14/ John 6:1-15 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/ John 6:16-21



**PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-IN OF OUR PARISH -** As a community of believers bound together by the Spirit of Christ, one of the most priceless and possibly least obvious gifts we can give to one another is the gift of our prayers. Would you kindly offer up a prayer for everyone on the list?

Alfreda Butler Sylvia Ford Mary Malachi Romaine Price Catherine Case Debbie Holly Warren Nixon Norma Shaw

Bridget Chase Melvinda Jones Shirley Payne Ellen Dutton Thomas Lewis Cecelia Price

# Divine Mercy Sunday. . .

In a sequence of revelations given to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska throughout the 1930s, our Lord requested that the Sunday following Easter be set apart for a particular feast day. Since Pope John Paul II designated this feast on April 30, 2000, when St. Faustina was canonized, we have come to recognize it as Divine Mercy Sunday. In the very first revelation that the Lord gave to St. Faustina, He made clear what He intended for this feast. Her diary entry 699 has the most detailed revelation.

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a 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. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. 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 of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout 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.

Jesus revealed to St. Faustina a total of 14 times why He wanted this feast. On the other hand, St. Faustina's revelations are not the exclusive basis for Divine Mercy Sunday. To be clear, it's neither a brand-new feast, nor is it particularly about St. Faustina. Even as the Octave Day of Easter approached, the Second Sunday of Easter was already a serious occasion.

The Easter Octave has traditionally been a liturgical time dedicated to contemplating Divine Mercy and forgiveness. Therefore, Divine Mercy Sunday points us to the merciful love of God that underlies the entire Paschal Mystery, which is the mystery of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection and is made real to us in the Eucharist. It also serves as a summary of the entire Easter Octave. Nonetheless, the significance of the day is underscored by the term, "Divine Mercy Sunday".

> March 30 & 31 Total Attendance – 204 Total Collections - \$5,209.25 Year-to-date Collections - \$66,089.16

# **OUTREACH & EVANGELIZATION**

**Dating Conference -** The Baltimore Basilica and the Office of Vocations will host their first Dating and Relationship Conference April 13 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at St. Mary's Seminary and University, 5400 Roland Park Avenue. For more information contact angelus.virata@archbalt.org.

**Seek The City to Come – SAVE THE DATE –** Please mark your calendars to attend one of the (2) two Open Prayerful Discernment Sessions where the draft model/map for what the landscape of the Catholic Church in Baltimore City could look like will be shared and presented. These sessions will be open to all and will offer a time for public feedback.

April 25: Archbishop Curley High School from 6:30 - 8:30 pm April 30: Mount Saint Joseph High School from 6:30 - 8:30 pm

**Free Retreat** at the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg - The Archdiocese of Baltimore is marking the observance of the feast day of St. Dymphna and Mental Health Awareness Month with a special event. You are invited to attend a St. Dymphna Mental Wellness retreat on Wednesday, May 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. he. This retreat is for everyone, especially people who have lived experience with mental health challenges and their loved ones, and anyone looking for healing after the loss of a loved one to suicide. Limited free bus service is also available - see registration for details. Register by Wednesday, May 1 to guarantee meals and retreat packet: bit.ly/aob-sdmwr. Questions? Call 410-547-3158

**Paid Internship with Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)** – The CCHD is looking for someone to fill a paid internship position. Open to Catholics ages 18 through 30 and includes 10 to 12 hours a week for 24 weeks at \$ 20 per hour. Submit applications to: cchd@cchdbaltimore.org.

You have three (3) ways to submit bulletin items/church announcements: email to saintpeterpius@gmail.com; contact form on the church's website; or text to (443)527-5478. All announcements must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

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