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APRIL 11, 2021

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends:

Sat - 4 p.m. Sun - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

Weekdays:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m., 7 p.m.

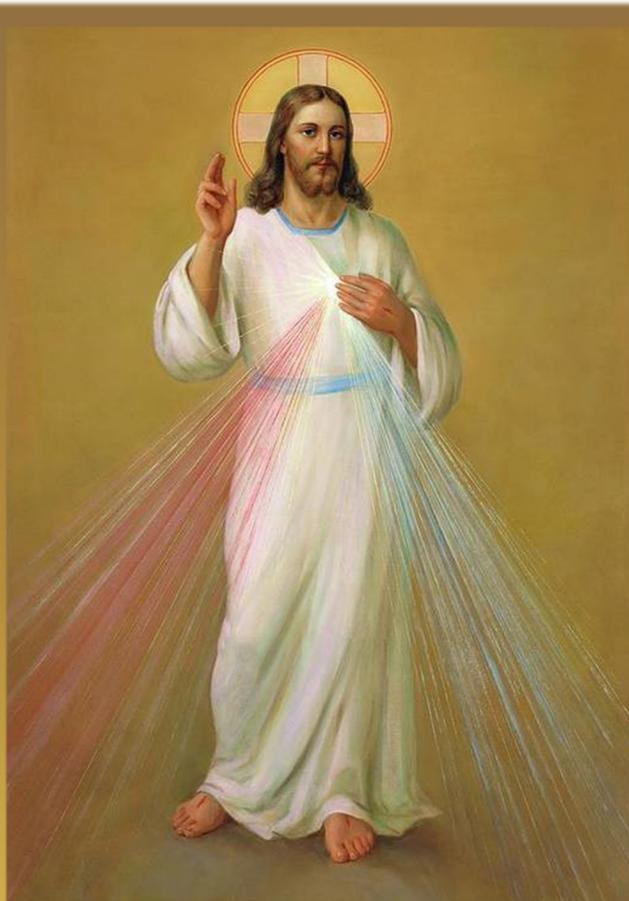
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Divine Mercy - Divina Misericordia - painting by Svitozar Nenyuk

GOSPEL MEDITATION: BREATH IN MERCY, EXHALE PEACE

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. “Mercy is the heart of God,” Pope Francis tells us. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. God’s mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

“Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope,” Pope Francis continues. God’s all-forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we

finally believe and accept that Christ’s resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life’s imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. It doesn’t matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God

cannot do and nothing God cannot do in any fashion. The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God’s mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God’s mercy, allow the wind of God’s presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

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APRIL 10 SATURDAY
4:00 p.m. **Jim Campbell†**
Kathy & Denny Phillips

APRIL 11 SUNDAY
8:00 a.m. **Opal Romanoski†**
Suzanne Artimez
10:00 a.m. **Zachary Materkoski†**
Curia Family

APRIL 12 MONDAY
8:00 a.m. **Ann Hudson†**
Joanne Ray

APRIL 13 TUESDAY
8:00 a.m. **Mark Joseph Novel†**
Bob & Theresa (Novel) Baker

APRIL 14 WEDNESDAY
8:00 a.m. **Andrew Butchko†**
Andrea Farley

APRIL 15 THURSDAY
8:00 a.m. **Tom Sullivan†**
Mary & Chuck Taskalines

APRIL 16 FRIDAY
8:00 a.m. **Veronica DiCola†**
Loretta Remke

APRIL 17 SATURDAY
4:00 p.m. **Thomas Sullivan†**
Maryann Lenhardt

APRIL 18 SUNDAY
8:00 a.m. **Judy Patrello†**
Family

10:00 a.m. **Richard Blum†**
Jane Klug



BETH ZARATE, president & CEO of Catholic Charities of

W. Va., wants our parish to know how grateful the organization and she are for our parish's donation of \$1,075 during CCWV's Christmas Day collection. "Thank you for joining us on our journey as we continue our mission," says Beth.

THE ALLELUIA RETURNS INSIDE THE CHURCH

It was a little more than one year ago, March 13 of 2020, that pandemic changed our worship, leaving us to celebrate Easter within the confines of our homes. It is with great joy that the Alleluia could be returned this 2021 Holy Week from the altar of our church—and with First Communicants there to enrich the experience.

Happy Easter Everyone!



April Is Child Abuse Awareness Month

In 1982, President Reagan proclaimed April to be the first National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and that tradition continues today across our nation and within our diocese.

As part of this month, it is important to point out the ongoing work by our diocese to combat abuse. Our diocese reports all allegations of abuse directly to law enforcement and cooperates with civil authorities on all investigations. It also employs a designated Victim Assistance Coordinator, whose primary role is to accompany survivors and provide resources for their healing journey. There is also an independent review board



consisting primarily of lay members which examines allegations and make recommendations to the bishop, especially regarding the suitability for ministry.

Also a priority is training adults to maintain safe environments and to properly report all concerns. A key component of that training is providing resources to parish religion educators and catholic schools so they can instruct minors on how to identify warning signs

of abuse and inappropriate behavior, as well as report it. By following all of our diocesan policies and procedures to create safe environments, we are continuing to maintain a culture of protection and healing.

Prayer REQUESTS

Recently Sick: Joseph Grampa, Eleanor Smith, Bobby Kleinedler, Sandye Yoho, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Bill Fowkes, Joanna Bierce, Isabella Wood, Dale Whitlatch, Sami Wilson, Bob Kleinedler, Kathryn Ferrera, Chuck Taskalines, Celeste Evans, Phil Remke, Suzy Lunau, Sara Walters, Ashton Gardill, Liza Coe, Danielle Wilson, Loretta Saporito.

Homebound: Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Deanne Ferraro, Semon & Phyllis Prado.

Nursing Homes: Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Betty Kerns, Bill Tennant, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker, Marie Lohri.

Names of those recently sick will appear for two months. Please resubmit requests for those who still need our healing prayers.

CALENDAR

**CAMP CARLO "EARLY BIRD"
DISCOUNT REGISTRATION
BEFORE MAY 15
SCHOLARSHIPS - BY JUNE 1**

**Jesus: The Way, The Truth, The Life
Wednesdays 9 a.m. /Thursdays 6:30 p.m.
Church Hall**

**Friday, April 30
DWC Tuition Assistance Deadline
FACTSMGT.COM**

**Friday, May 14
Deadline for bringing donations
of rosaries and religious medals
for the poor of Zimbabwe**

SCHEDULES APRIL 17 & 18

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 p.m. **D. Evans / L. Magnone**
8:00 a.m. **R. Hess / J. Hess**
10:00 a.m. **C. King / J. Klug**

ALTAR SERVERS

Volunteers Needed - All Masses

OFFERING MARCH 28, 2021

Envelopes	\$2,443.00
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Church Repair	\$50.00
Xavier Hall	\$60.00
Holy Land	\$45.00
Seminarians	\$40.00
Priest Retirement	\$25.00
Catholic Relief	\$20.00

OTHER COLLECTIONS:

Easter	\$145.00
Easter Flowers	\$140.00
Memorial	\$25.00
Pennies for God	\$15.00
Online Giving	\$717.00
Attendance	185

**PLEASE CLICK HERE TO DONATE
THANK YOU**

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency or confidentially contact W. Va. Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to contacting civil authorities, please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

**A REMINDER OUR
DIOCESE WILL**
again be offering a
summer youth
camp, and dates are set. Camp
Carlo is an amazing way for youth
to develop a stronger relationship
with Christ surrounded by the
beautiful outdoors.



Dates for each of this summer's
sessions are:

June 27 – July 3

Rising 3rd graders to 5th graders.

July 4– July 10

Rising 6th graders to 8th graders.

July 11– July 17

Rising freshmen to seniors in high
school.

July 18 – July 24

A "catch all week" from 3rd grade
through 12th grade.

**An "early bird" registration fee of
\$275 is available before May 15.**
Scholarships also are available.
**The deadline to apply for
scholarships is June 1.**

To sign up and apply for
scholarships visit:
[dwc.org/diocese/ministries/
youth-and-young-adult-ministry/
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WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE
family and estate of longtime
parishioner Mary Jura for their gift
to St. Francis Xavier. Mary was a
member of the first graduating
class of Bishop Donohue. Mary
was 78 when she passed away in
February of this year.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(CONFESSIONS):**

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment. Contact the parish office
at least six months before the date of the
marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):

Sundays during the school term at 9:00
a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.

**Vigil Mass
Includes
Conferring
Sacrament**

We are
happy to
celebrate
Heidi Fecat
and Max
Blinco, who
received
First Holy



Heidi and Max

Communion last Saturday during
the Easter Vigil Mass. Heidi's
parents are Eric and Julie Fecat,
and Max's parents are Curtis
Blinco and Alexia Cook. We are
proud of Heidi and Max for
working hard with their families
during pandemic to prepare for
receiving their first Holy Eucharist.
St. Francis Xavier was glad and
honored to be a part of this special
day for them and their loved ones.

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL HOLY WEEK

we enjoyed back in our church! Let's
do all we can to remain in the pews
by continuing to wear masks,
reasonably distancing, washing our
hands, and using sanitizer as we
enter and leave. Please also try to
form seating pods with those of like
vaccination status. With these
measures, Father That Son can keep
Masses out of Xavier Hall.

THE ANNUAL ROAST BEEF DINNER

at St. Anthony of Padua Church,
630 Main St., Bridgeport, Ohio, is
this Sunday, April 11, from 11:30 a.m.
until 3 p.m. Meals are \$10 for
adults and \$5 for children 12 and
under. Drive-thru and pickup only.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The diocese requires
instructions beforehand for parents or
guardians. Contact the parish office.

REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be properly
registered at the parish office.
Please be sure to update your
information when you move or change
phone numbers.



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