

DIVINE MERCY is wrapped up in a loving God, always ready to embrace us and forgive even our gravest sins. Believing in God but not in His Divine Mercy would be a depressing and burdensome faith to bear.

At the core of the gospel of the good thief is unconditional love and compassion: ***"Today you will be with Me in paradise."*** Not ok; now your sins are forgiven; now do this and this and this, and you will be saved; but today—now—you will enter into glory with Me. Welcome!

As we meditate in gratitude for God's gracious mercy upon us, we should look honestly at the mercy we show to others. Our God is a God of Mercy. Let us—each one of us personally—work to make ours a Church of mercy.

OUR STUNNINGLY ADORNED SANCTUARY

is the result of the creativity and exacting attention to detail by the Dream Team of Joanna Hunt, Stuart Hunt, Joe Sobolewski, Kevin Michalski, Chris Regula, Barbara Salach, and Michael Gonet. A "ginormous thank-you" to them—and to every parishioner whose generous contribution made it possible for our church sanctuary to radiate such beauty again this Easter.

SEVERAL PARISHIONERS MENTIONED

how spiritually uplifted they were as they shared in our Paschal Triduum.

Heartfelt appreciation to everyone who helped make these holiest of days the liturgical highlight of the year: our organist and choir members, faithful readers, ushers, sacristan, as well as the many of you who participated from the pews. May our Risen Lord bless you!

A PRAYERFUL "THANK YOU" from Father Conrad to all the kind parishioners who remembered him in such special ways at Easter. May our dear Lord reward you many times over!

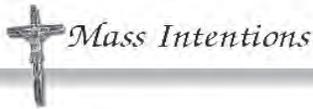
MOTHER'S DAY will be here before we know it—only five weeks away. Our **Mother's Day Novena of Masses will begin** on Sunday, May 13th, for the intentions of the mothers, wives, mothers-in-law, grandmothers, godmothers, aunts, sisters, daughters, and friends, whose names you will have submitted.

Top quality greeting cards from Barton-Cotton of Baltimore, to inform these beloved ladies of your very special gift to them, are available at the church entrances. Please feel comfortable to take as many cards as you will need. Smaller envelopes without greeting cards are available for submitting names of the deceased.

CAN YOU HELP MAKE PIEROGI for our upcoming June Festival? The cabbage is all ready for the "assembly line." Starting at about 8-8:30 this Tuesday morning, April 10th, many "pinchers" and others will be needed to "put it all together."

Even if you've never made pierogi before, but would like to learn how, please do come down to the church hall Tuesday morning. As part of the team, you'll find it easy, fun, and time well spent.

And please mark these dates on your calendar: **Tuesday, April 17th**, golumbki-making day; **Saturday, the 21st**, cabbage prep day for more pierogi; and **Tuesday, the 24th**, another pierogi-making session. Many helping hands will be needed.

**Sat. - Apr. 7 - Divine Mercy Sunday**

4:00 PM +Michael Willett (anniv.)
Req. Ann Bodzioch Bojack

Sun. - Apr. 8 - Divine Mercy Sunday

10:00 AM +Rita Schemm
Req. Tom and George

Mon.- Apr. 9 - Annunciation of the Lord

7:30 AM No Mass this Morning

Tues. - Apr. 10 - Easter Weekday

7:30 AM OLPH Parishioners,
Living & Deceased

Wed. - Apr.11 - St. Stanislaus

7:30 AM Healing
Req. Jack Chmiel

Thurs. - Apr. 12 - Easter Weekday

7:30 AM Special Intention
Req. Helen Makas

Fri. - Apr. 13 - Easter Weekday

7:30 AM +James Fukes

Sat. - Apr. 14 - Easter Weekday

7:30 AM +Walter & +Helen Palys
Req. Family

Sat. - Apr. 14 - Third Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM +Nancy & +Bill Brightman
Req. Stephen Louro

Sun. - Apr. 15 - Third Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM +Lydia Maher
Req. Nicole Michalski & Family

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER CONRAD

Brothers and Sisters of Our Parish Family,

On the final day of this Week of Grace, we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy, placed on this Octave Day of Easter by Pope John Paul II in 2000 at the request of Jesus Himself in His revelation to St. Faustina.

(It is interesting to note that St. John Paul II died on the Vigil of Divine Mercy in 2005 and was beatified and canonized on the Feast of Divine Mercy in 2011 and 2014 respectively.)

A great promoter of Divine Mercy, St. John Paul II re-emphasized the importance of this Feast in relationship to Easter on the first anniversary of its establishment when he told the world, *"Jesus said to St. Faustina, 'Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy.' Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity."*

In her 600-page diary, St. Faustina's entries focus on God's mercy, the call to accept God's mercy and to be merciful, the need for conversion, and the call to trust in Jesus. It had been Jesus' own wish, she wrote, to establish a feast day: *"I [Jesus] desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls....I am giving them the last hope of salvation, that is, the Feast of My Mercy."*

St. Faustina's Diary explains Jesus' Mercy in detail. She quotes Jesus' words to her--and to us, *"Every soul believing and trusting in My mercy will obtain it."* What a gift for us! What a promise that will never be broken!

Peace and Blessings,
Father Conrad