

My brothers and sisters,

As we continue our celebration of **Easter** today we are reminded in a special way of **Jesus' Divine Mercy**. The Second **Sunday of Easter** was celebrated as **Divine Mercy Sunday** by the late **Pope St. John Paul II**. Today, especially as we celebrate this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, instituted by our current **Holy Father, Pope Francis**, we are reminded of **God's** great love and mercy which He has revealed to us in the person of His beloved Son, and above all in His glorious resurrection. I invite you to meditate on **God's** great mercy and love that He shows us. I also invite you to join us in celebrating the devotions which accompany this Feast of Divine Mercy which will be celebrated this afternoon at **Sacred Heart**, the first parish in the Diocese of Columbus to begin this devotion under the former pastor **Fr. Bill Deville**. We welcome **Fr. Deville** back to Sacred Heart this Sunday to celebrate this great devotion of Divine Mercy.

Have a great week!

Fr. Tony Lonzo

Associate Administrator

Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sat., 4/2	4:00 p.m. SH	Mary Rossetti by Mary Jean Cockerell
Sun., 4/3	9:30 a.m.	Violet Dellitalia by Pat Rossetti & Family
Sun., 4/3	11:00 a.m. SH	Leo Guglielmi by Celeste & Larry Guglielmi
Sun., 4/10	9:30 a.m.	Andrew Daniel DeFranco by Liz Houlihan

Blessed Sacrament and Marian Lights Intentions:

Blessed Sacrament: Tony Solazzo by Mike Bolognone

Marian: Toby Derrick by Irene Solazzo

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 4/3/2016	RCIA Session 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Library) Confirmation Preparation Class 10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Classroom 1)
Mon., 4/4/2016	Italian Village Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:00 p.m. (Marrapese Hall) SJB Women's Faith Group 6:00 p.m. (Classroom)

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick or suffering, especially those who are in Hospitals, Nursing Facilities or Homebound suffering.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR KNOWN ILL AND ELDERLY IN YOUR PRAYERS**

THE BARRINGTON OF CARMEL – CARMEL INDIANA: Yola Rossi

Country View – Sunbury – Viola Del Greco

MOTHER ANGELINE McCrory: Marie Tarantelli

HOME: JUDY PISHITELLI

****If you know of any additions or corrections, please call the parish office. Due to privacy laws, we depend on your input.**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
April 10 9:30 a.m.	Bob Contino, Samantha Fallucco	LeeAnn Codispoti, Judy Pishitelli, Marge Contino, Leslie Pasian

The Rosary before Mass on Sunday: Currently, we have Rosary leaders scheduled through April. We begin the Rosary around 9:00-9:05 a.m., and it takes about 15-20 minutes to pray the Rosary. If you would like information on how to lead the Rosary, please contact the Men's Faith Sharing group.

The Leaders for April are:

- April 3 – Claudio Pasian
- April 10 – Carl Tisone
- April 17 – Adolfo Gastaldo
- April 24 – Dan Pillitteri

2016 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

April 3 – Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

April 4 – Monday – The Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14, 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

April 5 – Tuesday – Easter Weekday – Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest

Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15

April 6 – Wednesday – Easter Weekday

Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21

April 7 – Thursday – Saint John the Baptist de la Salle, Priest

Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36

April 8 – Friday – Easter Weekday

Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15

April 9 – Saturday – Easter Weekday

Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

April 10 – Sunday – Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

* Pray for our Priests and seminarians

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

March 27, 2016

Number of Envelopes Used – 69

In Envelopes:	\$3,720.00	Loose Money:	\$ 484.00
Regular Collection:			\$ 4,204.00
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment			(\$ 252.24)
			\$ 3,951.76
Votive Lights			\$ 24.00
Good Friday			\$ 55.00
50/50			\$ 10.00
			\$ 89.00

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Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/15-6/30/16)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Wk:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 4,204.00	\$1,319.00	46%
FYTD:	\$ 112,515.00	\$109,827.86	(\$2,687.14)	-2%

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, April 4, 2016

Mary Spellacy, Genevive Knouff, Carl Tisone

St. Joseph's Table.

We wish to thank everyone who attended and supported our **St. Joseph's Table** dinner on **March 18**.

It was a great tribute to the **Agriesti family** and a special night for our **St. John's** community. The Berwick provided a fabulous dinner and **Chuck Gillespie's** show was a delight. A special thanks goes to all of you who brought desserts, to **Maruja Paule** for the flowers and to **Louise Masdea** and **Mary Lou Palma** for their generous door prize gifts. Also thanks to **Father Lonzo, Deacon Felix, Margaret, Carol and Maruja** for all their help. It was truly a blessed evening.
Landa and Rick Brunetto

Divine Mercy Sunday at Sacred Heart

April 3 1:30-2:30 p.m. Confessions
2:00 p.m., Blessing of the image of Divine Mercy, then Exposition
Litany of the Sacred Heart
2:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross and Benediction
3:00 p.m., Chaplet of Divine Mercy
3:20 p.m., Mass

The Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday

In 1931, a sister of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938) is said to have been personally visited by Jesus. According to her diary, an image was revealed to her of the risen Lord, from whose heart shone two rays, one red (representing blood) and the other "pale" (symbolizing water), with the words "Jesus, I trust in you" at the bottom. Faustina wrote in her diary that Jesus told her, "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish." When she was canonized in 2000 under the direction of Pope John Paul II, he proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday. The celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on the theme of how God's mercy can overcome sin. Among the practices associated with the devotion are its novena, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, the Hour of Great Mercy and the plenary indulgence granted to those who receive the Eucharist and celebrate reconciliation on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Divine Mercy Prayer

***Eternal God
in whom mercy is endless
and the treasury of compassion
inexhaustible,
look kindly upon us
and increase Your mercy in us,
that in difficult moments
we might not despair
nor become despondent,
but with great confidence
submit ourselves to Your holy will,
which is Love and Mercy itself.***

Amen.

Something to ponder in the Year of Mercy –

This Year of Mercy represents an excellent opportunity to thank God for His Love and Mercy.

God is merciful to those who want His mercy. However, He does not force Himself on us. We have the freedom to choose by the way we live our lives. We are wise to remember that God does not owe us forgiveness, redemption, or anything else. Nor does God's mercy license us to continue in sin. It demands a response to "go, and sin no more." To borrow a thought from Augustine: ***We must not despair, one of the thieves was saved; we must not presume, one of the thieves was damned.***

The following is an excerpt from the book "Evangelizing Catholics" by Scott Hahn.

[According to Pope Benedict XVI,] **"Success is not one of the names of God."** If we measured the value of what Jesus did on earth by the number of people who came to believe in Him during His lifetime, we would all be in trouble.

Again, fidelity is what God wants from us. He wants us to live the Gospel, and He wants us to proclaim it. He wants us to love Him, and He wants us to lead others to His love.

How each of us does that will be different from how everybody else does that. In his introduction to Rome Sweet Home, Peter Kreeft says that **conversions are like snowflakes: no two are alike.** The same can be said about the forms the work of the New Evangelization will take in each of our lives. The work will look different in every home and every parish. How we go about that work is a question for prayer and discernment.

But we do need to go about it. **"Enter by the narrow gate," Jesus tells us. "For the gate is wide and the way is easy, that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few" (Mt 7:13-14).**

That's Jesus' take on the road to heaven: the gate is narrow and those who find it are few. Our culture's take (a take shared by many Catholics, faithful or otherwise) is just the opposite: the gate to heaven is wide, and those who find it are many.

Nobody knows how many souls are in heaven and how many souls are in hell. That's like asking how many angels can dance on the head of a pin. But, if I'm playing the odds, I'm going with Jesus on this one. **Heaven is not guaranteed.** It's not a sure thing – not for anyone, and especially not for those following the wide, sloping path paved by our culture.

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE Requests assistance for Holy Family's Soup Kitchen: Each month we will have a focus; our goal is to help Holy Family monthly, have a different focus on what is needed.

March: Toothpaste and toothbrushes, winter hats and gloves

April: Soap and deodorant.

There will be boxes in Sala Hall to place your contributions

AROUND US

Save the Date: Delaware St. Mary's Marriage Prep Program

Delaware St. Mary will be offering a Marriage Prep program for couples getting married in 2016 and 2017. The classes will be on **Saturdays, April 9th and April 16th, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** held in Kavanagh Hall. Cost is \$90.00 per couple and lunch will be provided on both dates. Completion of a marriage prep course is required to be married and the course is available for any engaged couple who is planning to marry in 2016 or 2017. The course is open to any and all engaged couples within the Diocese and beyond. If you have any questions, or would like to register, please contact Bibianne Galuzny at 740-362-1542 or bibianne@columbus.rr.com.

