



# ST. MARY OUR MOTHER CHURCH

## *MISSION STATEMENT*

St. Mary Our Mother is a Catholic community committed to the spiritual growth of all people as we share our faith and serve our community.



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April 16, 2023



## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:29



**WEEKLY CALENDAR****Sunday, April 16**

5:00 p.m.—Youth Group

**Tuesday, April 18,**

3:45 p.m.—Religious Education

**Thursday, April 20**

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, April 22**

3:30 p.m.— Sacrament of Penance

**IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST:**

Sister Catherine Gibbons

William Jere Wigsten

Bettyjune Lewis

**MEMORIALS:**

The Eucharistic Breads for the week of April 9-15th have been donated in loving memory of Mom, Ann Barcomb by Gene and Nancy Barcomb.

**A PARENT'S PRAYER:**

Jesus, our brother, Son of God and son of Mary, I thank you for the gift of life you have entrusted to my care. Help me be a parent both tender and wise, both loving and forgiving, able both to discipline and to give freedom.

Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

Joseph, Foster Father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep this family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make our family one with you. May we be peace-loving and peace-giving. And may we always have God as the center of our hearts and our home.

**AMEN!****QR-CODE.GIVING****WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 16, 2023:**

**Sunday:** Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31  
**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8  
**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15  
**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21  
**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36  
**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15  
**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a)/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

**OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 16, 2023**

**Sunday:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)  
**Monday:**  
**Tuesday:**  
**Wednesday:**  
**Thursday:**  
**Friday:** St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
**Saturday:** Earth Day  
**Next Sunday:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:**

In today's first reading, the four activities of the earliest church are introduced to us as priorities of the church: devotion to the teachings of the apostles, communal fellowship, the Eucharist, and prayer. The early members of the church saw themselves as devoted stewards of these activities. These were not options. They were the fruits of a genuine conversion to a life in Christ. Sharing in the Eucharist was the most intimate expression of fellowship, while the most common expression of fellowship in the New Testament was that of sharing financial resources—giving. It was not a perfect community, but one that gave evidence of God's active presence in its midst. This early community offers us an excellent example of how to better exercise stewardship in our own parish families.

**RICE BOWL DONATIONS**

Please turn in your Rice Bowl donations by Sunday, April 23rd. They can be placed in the Rice Bowl box in the back of the church, brought to the parish office, or placed in our Church's regular collection boxes if they are in an envelope and labeled "Rice Bowl".

**PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:**

It is my hope that you and your family enjoyed a very Blessed and Happy Easter! I was edified of the many people who joined us for our Holy Week and Easter liturgies. Hopefully this is a positive sign of people feeling more comfortable in social and in-church gatherings.

A popular devotion of many people during the season of Lent is the praying of the **Stations of the Cross**, a prayer that invites us to focus on the way of the Cross, on the last hours of Jesus prior to His crucifixion and death. The following is a reflection on the Stations of the Cross authored by **Father Peter Cameron, O.P.**, which uses the format of the Stations of the Cross to reflect on the **Resurrection and Mercy of God**. Since this is the **Second Sunday of Easter**, sometimes referred to as Divine Mercy Sunday, I thought today would be a good time to offer these to you. I believe you will find these reflections quite insightful.

**First Station: *Jesus rises from the Dead.*** *At Your rising the peace, the forgiveness, the display of Your wounds are healing and mercy for me.*

**Second Station: *The Disciples find the Empty Tomb.*** *The emptiness inside of me is a crushing sore. The mercy of Your empty tomb frees me and fills me.*

**Third Station: *Jesus appears to Mary of Magdala.*** *To a frantic Mary who wants to carry away Your body, You appear in risen mercy to carry her away.*

**Fourth Station: *Jesus walks with the disciples to Emmaus.*** *To the two discouraged disciples, Your mercy appears as a sudden accompaniment. Walk with me!*

**Fifth Station: *Jesus reveals Himself to the Breaking of the Bread.*** *All that our heart craves abides in the Last Supper bread breaking. Break through my forgetfulness!*

**Sixth Station: *Jesus appears to the Disciples.*** *You appear in Your humanity: eating, consoling, ridding fear. By Your mercy, help me to be more human.*

**Seventh Station: *Jesus confers on His Disciples the Power of Forgiving Sins.*** *You give not the ability to live without sinning, but the power to forgive sin—the greatest mercy!*

**Eighth Station: *Jesus Confirms Thomas in Faith.*** *In Your mercy, doubt will not gain the upper hand. Touching the wound in Your hand reclaims us.*

**Ninth Station: *Jesus appears to His Disciples on the Shore of Lake Galilee.*** *When we are adrift and dispirited, You come as a surprise, cooking us breakfast, calling us "children."*

**Tenth Station: *Jesus Confirms Primary of Peter.*** *The unity the Church needs-you provide in the Successor of Peter, its visible source and foundation.*

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

<b>Monday:</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>April 17—Easter Weekday</b> Jack Purcell—The Gallagher's
<b>Tuesday:</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>April 18—Easter Weekday</b> The Faithful Departed
<b>Wednesday:</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>April 19—Easter Weekday</b> Richard Liotino—Tom Kolonoski and family
<b>Thursday:</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>April 20—Easter Weekday</b> Special Intention—Beering family
<b>Friday:</b> 6:45 A.M.	<b>April 21—Easter Weekday/St. Anselm -Bishop/Doctor</b> Madalyn Nalbach—Jerry and Jan Altilio
<b>Saturday:</b> 5:00 P.M.	<b>April 22—Easter Weekday</b> Mary Amisano—husband, Guy and family
<b>Sunday:</b> 8:30 A.M.	<b>April 23—Third Sunday of Easter</b> Marie and Arthur Maio—Suann, Arthur, Steve, and Richard
10:30 A.M.	Donald Curbeau—Donna and Diane

**Pastor's perspective continued:**

**Eleventh Station: *Jesus entrusts His Disciples with the Universal Mission.*** *I believe because of Christian witnesses who shared their faith. Make me a missionary of mercy!*

**Twelfth Station: *Jesus ascends into heaven.*** *You ascend in Your humanity to heaven to give us access to the Father's house and to God's life.*

**Thirteenth Station: *Mary and the Disciples await the Holy Spirit's Pentecost.*** *Thank You for the gift of the One who reminds us of all You said and who forms us in the life of prayer.*

**Fourteenth Station: *Jesus sends the Spirit promised by the Father to His disciples.*** *Lost though we are in a state of deformity, the Holy Spirit restores our original beauty and fills us with grace.*

Have a great week and continue to enjoy these Easter days. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other!

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**ST. MARY OUR MOTHER SCHOOL FUND-RAISER: April 29th:**

Our biggest fundraiser is right around the corner. Please join us for a lot of fun, good food and friendship, all while supporting our school.

Our 2023 Gala, Flappers & Fellas, is scheduled for Saturday, April 29th beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50.00 each or \$90.00 for two, and includes admission, silent auctions, a cash bar, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and live music by the Nik Lite Band.



*Saint Faustina: The Apostle of Divine Mercy*

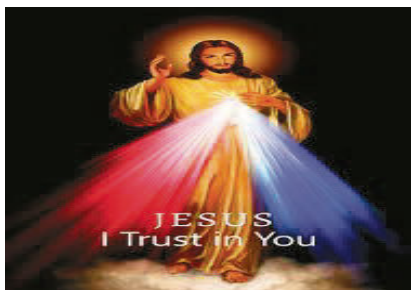
## WHAT IS THE DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION ALL ABOUT?

The Church has always taught through scripture and tradition that GOD is always merciful and forgiving. So we, too, in imitation of Jesus and driven by our love for HIM must show mercy and forgiveness to friends and foe alike. (Luke 6:36—*Be merciful just as your Father is merciful.*)

In the Divine Mercy devotion, a reinforced and powerful new focus calls people to a deeper understanding of what God's love is. (1 Corinthians 13:4-7...*it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs...*) unreserved, overflowing and available to everyone—especially the greatest sinners.

The main message is this: God loves us all—no matter how badly we have lead our lives. God wants us to recognize His mercy—which is greater than our sins.

We can approach God with greater trust, receive His abundant mercy, and let it flow through us to others so that all will come to share His joy. But first, it begins with us. ("I demand from you deeds of mercy which are to arise out of love for me). You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse yourself from it. (Diary of Sister Faustina, Note number 742)



The four promises of the Divine Mercy Chaplet: The promise of **defense**, the promise of **mercy** the promise of **hope** . and the promise of **answered prayers**. (check out YouTube– Chaplet of Divine Mercy 4 promises)

For more information and resources on why and how to recite this prayer go to:

[HTTPS://WWW.THEDIVINEMERCY.ORG](https://www.thedivinemercy.org)

## MASS OF RECOGNITION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please join the Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, and couples celebrating anniversaries of Matrimony, for a Mass of Recognition of the Sacrament of Matrimony, on Sunday, May 21, 2023 at two o'clock in the afternoon, at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rochester.

All married couples and their guests are welcome to attend and renew their vows with Bishop Matano. Those celebrating milestone jubilees will be given special recognition.

Please help us plan by letting us know you are coming by *registering online at <http://conta.cc/3Pne1pD> or emailing [Donald.smith@dor.org](mailto:Donald.smith@dor.org).*

Additionally, the June issue of the Catholic Courier will feature a Wedding Jubilee section. If you would like your name and anniversary (25, 50, and above) to be included, please send an email, or letter with the following information: ***Names, Church, Town where you were married, wedding date/year, and wedding photo (optional).***

The **Email** is: [weddings@CatholicCourier.com](mailto:weddings@CatholicCourier.com), and the **mailing address** is: Wedding Anniversaries, Catholic Courier, PO Box 24379, Rochester, NY 14624-0379.

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## CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION: EASTER SEASON 2023: THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

The annual observance of Earth Day (April 22) occurs in the midst of our beautiful Easter season—a time of new life and renewed hope. We join with the Catholic Climate Covenant—a network of Catholic parishes, schools and other Catholic institutions—working together to Care for God's Creation.

Pope Francis teaches in his encyclical, **Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home**, "environmental degradation challenges us to examine our lifestyle. We are always capable of going out of ourselves towards the other. If we can overcome individualism, we will truly be able to develop a different lifestyle and bring about significant changes in society."

Idea for action: **support the proposed expansion of the NYS bottle deposit bill.** Our communities are blighted by discarded plastic waste. It is time to update and expand NYS's highly effective container deposit redemption program to include other beverages such as wine, non-carbonated drinks, spirits, hard cider. This could reduce roadside litter by 70%, create new jobs, keep plastic out of the oceans, and increase recycling rates. Please call or email our NYS Senator Thomas O'Mara to ask for his support on an expanded New York State Bottle Deposit Bill. Omara@nysenate.gov / call 607-735-9671

## LOST AND FOUND:

We have many articles of clothing that have been left in the Church over the past winter months. Please call the parish office (607-739-3817) if they might be yours.

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



Jesus was walking through Heaven and saw a lot of people who weren't supposed to be there. So He went to the Pearly Gates and had a talk with St. Peter. "What's going on here, Peter? These people aren't supposed to be in here!" Peter replied, "It's not MY fault, Lord! I sent them away, but they went around to the back door and Your Mother let them in!"

## PARKING AT CHURCH



## ON EASTER

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