

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church  
100 Broad Street, Hilltown, PA 18927  
April 19, 2020



My Dear Parishioners,

The Lord is Risen; He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!!!!

As we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter, we continue to celebrate the single most important discovery in the history of the World: the discovery of the Empty Tomb!

The fact that the Apostles could touch Him and that He even ate with them after the Resurrection proves that Jesus Christ actually did rise both Body and Soul. So, we rejoice, knowing that since He could Rise from the dead, that He can fulfill every one of His promises to us. The most important promise is, of course, that if we live with Him and die with Him, we will share in the Glory of His Resurrection.

This weekend we also celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, and remember that Our Lord and Savior came to pour His Mercy out upon this world. We also remember that He left us His Church, His Priests, and the Sacraments as instruments of His Mercy in our own times. Praised be Jesus Christ, now and forever!

On this Divine Mercy Weekend, I am proud to announce two things.

*First*, we will have our first ever **“Facebook Live”** Mass here in the Church. The Mass will be broadcasted live on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM, and afterward will be available on Facebook to watch at your leisure—and no, you do not have to belong to Facebook to watch. Our Facebook page can be found on our website: <https://www.olsh-hilltown.com/>

*Second*, we, the Marian Parishes of the area, are participating in a Divine Mercy Holy Hour at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Buckingham at 3:00 tomorrow (Sunday). The information is below.

Lastly, I have included in this newsletter the words of St. Faustina herself explaining the origin and meaning of the image of Divine Mercy, and I have also included an Easter Homily from the early Church which I have always loved and you may enjoy.

You of course remain in my prayers, and let us continue to lay siege to Heaven with our Rosaries, our Chaplets of Divine Mercy, and all of our prayers for all those effected, for all first responders, and for an end of this crisis.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, pray for us!

Fr. Michael J. Pawelko

**Drive-In Divine Mercy Holy Hour at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish**

Come to Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Buckingham this Sunday, April 19, at 3 PM for a regional *Drive-In Eucharistic Adoration* celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday. Divine Mercy Sunday is the perfect opportunity to come before Our Lord and appeal to His Divine Mercy for our world and families during the coronavirus pandemic. Our Lord will be present in the Most Blessed Sacrament on an altar set-up in the OLG parking lot.

All are invited to attend this beautiful prayer and adoration time while *remaining in your cars*. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet will begin at 3 PM, followed by adoration. The Holy Hour will conclude at 4 PM with a Eucharistic Procession, at which time the celebrant will walk with the Blessed Sacrament and offer a Eucharistic Blessing to those present in their car.

We hope you can join us for this beautiful celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday! Again, in accordance with social distancing guidelines, all present *must remain in their cars and not gather outside*.

Please see attached instructions on how to pray the Chaplet: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet>

IMPORTANT:

- 1) Remain in your car throughout the Holy Hour.
- 2) Do not park next to other cars; keep distance by parking in every other spot.
- 3) Please arrive by 2:45 PM so all cars are in place for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.



*The Image of Divine Mercy, in the words of St. Faustina:*

*In 1931, our Lord appeared to St. Faustina in a vision. She saw Jesus clothed in a white garment with His right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching His garment in the area of the Heart, from where two large rays came forth, one red and the other pale. She gazed intently at the Lord in silence, her soul filled with awe, but also with great joy. Jesus said to her:*

*Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: **Jesus, I trust in You**. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory (Diary, 47, 48). I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: **Jesus, I trust in You** (327). I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world (47).*

*At the request of her spiritual director, St. Faustina asked the Lord about the meaning of the rays in the image. She heard these words in reply:*

*The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him (299). By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works (742).*

*These words indicate that the Image represents the graces of Divine Mercy poured out upon the world, especially through Baptism and the Eucharist.*

*Many different versions of this image have been painted, but our Lord made it clear that the painting itself is not what is important. When St. Faustina first saw the original image that was being painted under her direction, she wept in disappointment and complained to Jesus: "Who will paint You as beautiful as You are?" (313).*

*In answer, she heard these words: "Not in the beauty of the color, nor of the brush lies the greatness of this image, but in My grace" (313).*

*So, no matter which version of the image we prefer, we can be assured that it is a vehicle of God's grace if it is revered with trust in His mercy.*

*From an Easter homily by an ancient author  
(Sermo 35, 6-9; PL 17 [ed. 1879], 696-697)  
Christ the source of resurrection and life:*

*Saint Paul rejoices in the knowledge that spiritual health has been restored to the human race. Death entered the world through Adam, he explains, but life has been given back to the world through Christ. Again he says: The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven and it is heavenly. As we have borne the image of the earthly man, the image of human nature grown old in sin, so let us bear the image of the heavenly man: human nature raised up, redeemed, restored and purified in Christ.*

*We must hold fast to the salvation we have received. Christ was the first fruits', says the Apostle; he is the source of resurrection and life. 'Those who belong to Christ will follow him. Modelling their lives on his purity, they will be secure in the hope of his resurrection and of enjoying with him the glory promised in heaven. Our Lord himself said so in the gospel: Whoever follows me will not perish, but will pass from death to life.*

*Thus, the passion of our Savior is the salvation of mankind. The reason why he desired to die for us was that he wanted us who believe in him to live forever. In the fullness of time it was his will to become what we are, so that we might inherit the eternity he promised and live with him forever.*

*Here, then, is the grace conferred by these heavenly mysteries, the gift which Easter brings, the most longed for feast of the year; here are the beginnings of creatures newly formed: children born from the life giving font of holy Church, born anew with the simplicity of little ones, and crying out with the evidence of a clean conscience. Chaste fathers and inviolate mothers accompany this new family, countless in number, born to new life through faith. As they emerge from the grace giving womb of the font, a blaze of candles burns brightly beneath the tree of faith.*

*The Easter festival brings the grace of holiness from heaven to men. Through the repeated celebration of the sacred mysteries they receive the spiritual nourishment of the sacraments. Fostered at the very heart of holy Church, the fellowship of one community worships the one God, adoring the triple name of his essential holiness, and together with the prophet sings the psalm which belongs to this yearly festival: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

*And what is this day? It is the Lord Jesus Christ himself, the author of light, who brings the sunrise and the beginning of life, saying of himself: I am the light of day; whoever walks in daylight does not stumble. That is to say, whoever follows Christ in all things will come by this path to the throne of eternal light.*

*Such was the prayer Christ made to the Father while he was still on earth: Father, I desire that where I am they also may be, those who have come to believe in me; and that as you are in me and I in you, so they may abide in us.*



# MASS Intentions

Daily Mass is celebrated in the Church at 7:30 a.m.

Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>:

7:30 a.m. Florence Cunningham

Request of Bill & Cathy McElroy

Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>:

7:30 a.m. Louise Rumsey

Request of the family

Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>:

7:30 a.m. Sonny Decker

Request of the Gehman Family

Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>:

7:30 a.m. Anthony DeGennaro

Request of the Family

Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>:

7:30 a.m. Mary McElroy

Request of Bill & Cathy McElroy

Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>:

7:30 a.m. Flood & Cunnington Families

Request of Bill & Cathy McElroy

4:00 p.m. D'Amelio & Lombardo Families

Request of Joe & Betty D'Amelio & Family

Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>:

8:00 a.m. Nolan Wiggins

Request of Johanna

9:30 a.m. People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. Elizabeth Pavlishin Dailey

Request of Beth Maryott

**Please Pray** for our sick including Baby Aiden Romoya, Ralph Bleiler, Jonathan Botelho, Vickie Brady, Peggy Brown, Thomas Brown, Ray & Eleanor Cavaggion, Valarie Class, Ann Clifford, Zachary Coco, Pat Costo, Mary Covino, Richard D'Amelio, Mary Jane DeGennaro, Lou DiCriscio, Claudia Epstein, Roni Epstein, Barbara Lynne Filippone, John Gambale, Jackie Godek, Anita Grasso, Lester Guinther, Edith Gross, Rose Harmon, Amy Hayman, Brian Healy, Jean Igusky, Marie Johannessen, Ray MacNamera, Ian Malin, Stella Marino, Michael Murphy, John and Suzanne Pelletier, Carolyn Pritz, Marge Quartucci, Francis Resuta, Dominic Sano, Andrew Savarese, Paul Sawyer, Florence Simons, John Suchodolski, Theresa Tackacs, Ted Talian, Luke Tynan, Richard Volpe, Mary Wagner, Jaime Whiteley, David Wilding, Theresa Wilson.

**Pray also** for our relatives and friends who have died including, Dominic Lupinacci, husband of Jean; and Donald Santa Croce, husband of Roberta.

## *Prayer to your Guardian Angel when you cannot attend Daily Mass*

*O HOLY ANGEL at my side,  
Go to Church for me,  
Kneel in my place, at Holy Mass,  
Where I desire to be.*

*At Offertory, in my stead,  
Take all I am and own,  
And place it as a sacrifice  
Upon the Altar Throne.*

*At Holy Consecration's bell,  
Adore with Seraph's love,  
My Jesus hidden in the Host,  
Come down from Heaven above.*

*Then pray for those I dearly love,  
And those who cause me grief,  
That Jesus' Blood may cleanse all hearts,  
And suffering souls relieve.*

*And when the priest Communion takes,  
Oh, bring my Lord to me,  
That His sweet Heart may rest on mine,  
And I His temple be.*

*Pray that this Sacrifice Divine,  
May mankind's sins efface;  
Then bring me Jesus' blessing home,  
The pledge of every grace. Amen*

“If we only knew how God regards this Sacrifice, we would risk our lives to be present at a single Mass.”

~ Saint Padre Pio

