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Divine Mercy
SUNDAY



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Dear Friends,

Many things to write about on this Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday. First on the list should be the celebration that stands at the heart of this Sunday's liturgical activities. From reading the bulletin you know that the parish welcomed Stella Song who celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, at the Easter Vigil last weekend. She walked in the *RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*, the process by which adults prepared for baptism. But she didn't walk alone, others walked with her, those who were baptized Catholic but never completed their Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and Eucharist). Today, at the 11:00AM Mass we celebrate those sacraments for these individuals: Kelly Belo, Alexandra Martins, Vladimir Bruno, Leti Camacho and Andrew De Avila. We rejoice with them and for the parish. We never live our faith alone, but in a community. And that faith is strengthened when we see others deepening that faith. In this case, we should be encouraged and strengthened by these five baptized to experience the fullness of Christ's presence in their lives through the anointing with the Spirit and the reception of Jesus' very Body and Blood to strengthen them on their journey through life. Be inspired by their dedication and example and resolve to live that life of Christ more fully in your own lives.

The second thing to write about is, of course, a big thank you for the celebrations of these last two weeks. First, and foremost, I want to thank all who came for in-person worship this Holy Week and Easter Sunday. That the public schools in Ridgewood are closed Holy Week is always a challenge, because so many families go away. But the residual effects of the pandemic continue to put a cloud over our heads. We have all struggled during this pandemic with a variety of fears, concerns and challenges. For us, who minister here in the parish, the question has been when, and even, if, the congregation would return to in-person worship. And to no one's surprise, it continues to be a slow slog for that return. Frankly, there are numbers of people who I know were regular Sunday worshipers but I have not seen in three years. A number of theories have been suggested; (1) people are still hesitant to be in a large group setting such as a church, or (2) people have become comfortable with "virtual" worship, attending in the comfort of home, or (3) people have lost a sense of the presence or need for God in their lives. We can always deal with the first two. It is the last one that concerns me most. Our faith is supported in community and by community. And "virtual" can never make up for the loss of that experience. And it is in the context of that community that we are strengthened in the belief that God is, that God knows us and loves us, that God is as Jesus Christ has revealed him and that in Jesus Christ God has given us the path of life. My prayer is that we never lose touch with that reality, no matter what challenges the world and our society throw at us. The days of Holy Week, the services we celebrated and,

most especially, the celebrations of Easter Sunday gives me hope that Mount Carmel is well on the way to recovery. No, more than that, that we are in a moment of growth in faith and practice. Thank you to all who have been a part of that. You have lifted my spirits.

Now to the usual acknowledgements. To all the volunteers and staff who helped make our Holy Week and Easter celebrations real reflections of our faith and moments to deepen that faith, a very big thank you. This includes the staff of the parish, maintenance, clerical, clergy, religious and lay. It includes all the volunteers on so many levels, the readers and Ministers of Holy Communion, the servers, the members of the choirs, the ushers and Ministers of Hospitality, the members of our Youth Ministry who helped in so many ways for the masses in the auditorium and all those who helped decorate the church. To everyone who in any way contributed to the beauty of the celebrations I offer a grateful thank you. In a special way, I want to recognize Fr. Frank and Peter Sicko. Thank you, Fr. Frank, for your attentiveness to all the details of some very complicated liturgies. And a word of thanks to Peter, who not only directs the music program for the parish, but has responsibility for the decorating of the church and the coordinating of all our media efforts, the live-streaming, and the worship aids, both on paper and on screen. Once again, thank you Peter, for all the hats that you wear.

Lastly, today is Divine Mercy Sunday. In the Gospel for the 2nd Sunday of Easter, Jesus appears to His disciples in the locked upper room on the evening of His Resurrection and His first words to them are "Peace be with you." Imagine the scene. Gathered are those who deserted Him, one who denied Him and only one who stayed with Him, even at the foot of the cross. In those very words, "Peace be with you," He brings mercy to their failure. Then He says it again and tells them He is sending them forth, breathing on them the gift of the Holy Spirit, to bring forgiveness (mercy) to the world as He has just brought that forgiveness to them. On this day of Mercy the Church celebrates the revelations by Christ to St. Faustina Kowalska and the gift of mercy and love Christ pours out on sinners. As Pope St. John Paul II said it is "the Easter gift that the Church receives from the Risen Christ and offers to humanity," the gift of His merciful love and an invitation to renew our trust in that merciful love.

May your life be filled with the presence of that merciful love and may reconciliation and healing, not only with God, but with everyone from whom you may be estranged, in whatever way, light up your life today.

God Bless,
Fr. Ron



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"They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life." The words of today's 1st Reading remind us that each of us is called to support the faith of the whole community, that we bear a responsibility for each other. The Christian Steward understands this and offers his/her gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure** in support of that common life we all share together. How do you support and advance "the communal life?"

Because this had to be to the printer during Holy Week, the figure for the collection on Easter Sunday will not be available until next week. Please consider using electronic giving, **WeShare** as your way to support the preaching of the Gospel and the work of the parish.

WOMEN & MEN 2023 WEEKEND RETREAT AT LOYOLA LOYOLA JESUIT CENTER—MORRISTOWN, NJ MAY 12-14, 2023

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Questions?

Contact Monika Rocks, monika.rocks4@gmail.com

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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

The RCIA baptized candidates will receive Confirmation and First Eucharist at this Sunday's 11:00AM Mass. Their persistence on their spiritual journey has enlightened their understanding of faith in God, deepening their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Kelly Bello, Alexandra Martins, Vladimir Bruno, Andrew DeAvila and Leti Camacho

For more information on RCIA, contact Deacon Bob Liwanag
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Healing Meals is a group of volunteers who prepare nutritious, cooked meals and provide them to the organizations listed below.

Tomorrow's Children's Fund of Hackensack University Medical Center; Emmanuel Cancer Center and St. Joseph's Children's Hospital—providing meals to families with children undergoing treatment for cancer, serious blood disorders and sickle cell anemia.

Ridgecrest Senior Housing, Ridgewood—providing meals for low income senior citizens.

Franciscan Community Center, Fairview—Providing meals for low income and homeless individuals and families.

NEEDED ITEMS—DROP OFF AT FOOD DRIVE

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Questions on Food Drive or Healing Hands?

Contact Glen McCall, gmccall@olmcridgewood.com

FR. ENGLISH PANTRY—FROZEN TRAY MINISTRY

PANS AVAILABLE AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND
RETURN FROZEN CASSEROLE SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND
(AT OUR MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE, 9AM-12NN)

Three easy recipe options are provided with pans and lids. FROZEN casseroles can be dropped off during our monthly Food Drive (see above). Thank you for your generosity!

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FRIDAYS: 4AM-5AM; SATURDAYS: 3PM-4PM

Contact Cynthia Torres, cynthiabtorres@yahoo.com

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Tuesday, April 18, 2023

1:00PM-2:00PM

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Apr. 16	12:00NN RCIA Reception (PC) 1:30PM Bell Choir Rehearsal (PC) 4:00PM Spanish Apostolate (PC) 5:00PM Jr. High 8C (MR) 7:30PM Jr. High 8D (MR) 7:30PM Micale Confirmation Group (YCA)
Mon. Apr. 17	5:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Tues. Apr. 18	3:45PM Jr. High Grade 7 Make Up (PC) 5:00PM Children's Choir Rehearsal (Church) 6:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym) 7:00PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Apr. 19	9:00AM MOMs Leadership Meeting (PC) 12:45PM WCST Knitting Group (Library) 3:45PM Jr. High Grade 8 Make Up (PC) 4:00PM First Communion Practice (Church) 6:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thurs. Apr. 20	4:00PM First Communion Practice (Church) 7:00PM Christ Life (PC) 6:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW) 7:30PM Pray the Rosary (Chapel)
Fri. Apr. 21	6:00PM Summer Heatt (Gym) 7:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Sat. Apr. 22	9:00AM Summer Heatt & Men's B-ball (Gym) 12:00NN First Communion (Church) 6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)

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Parishioners may call the Rectory with the name of a family member who is sick to have them included in our prayers.



TODAY'S READINGS

Monday, Apr. 17

- + **6:30AM Robert Minicus**
req Lloyd & Meaghan Williams
- + **8:30AM Vincent McCarthy**
req Kay McCarthy
- + **12:00NN Caterina DiRienzo**
req Teresa & Antonietta

Tuesday, Apr. 18

- + **6:30AM Dominick Picinic**
req Frankie Morin
- + **8:30AM Margaret & Stan Gordon**
req Patricia & David Hughes
- 12:00NN Special Intention**
of Antonio Pio Galasso
req Stefania Galasso

Wednesday, Apr. 19

- + **6:30AM Dominick Picinic**
req Louie Morin
- + **8:30AM Georgia Lopez Oña**
req Marie Cummings
- + **12:00NN Anne Papsun**
req Kent Papsun

Thursday, Apr. 20

- 6:30AM Special Intention of Anthony Mazzola**
req Mitch & Judy Santlofer
- + **8:30AM Maria Bussanich**
req Her Family
- 12:00NN Albert Lalonde**
req Dcn. Bob & Tessie Liwanag

Friday, Apr. 21 *Saint Anselm,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

- 6:30AM Special Intention of Rosario Cundari**
req Domenick & Crissy Morin
- + **8:30PM Victor Cavasco**
req His Family
- + **12:00NN Dominick Carminati**
req His Family

Saturday, Apr. 22

- + **8:30AM Laura D'Elia**
req John DeCristofaro
- + **5:30PM Deceased Members**
of the Kennedy & McCabe Families
req Monica & Ed McCabe

Sunday, Apr. 23 *Third Sunday of Easter*

- + **8:00AM Antonina Turdo**
req Her Family
- + **9:30AM Norm & Jo Delaney**
req The Delaney Family
- 11:00AM For the People of the Parish**
- + **12:30PM Mary Morgan**
req Ellen Fasanaro
- + **3:00PM Maria Christina Garcia**
req Her Friends
- + **6:30PM Richard Dreyer**
req The Woodward Family

1. Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

Throughout the Easter Season, the Church will deviate from the usual practice of using the Old Testament as the source for the 1st Reading. Instead, it will always be drawn from the Acts of the Apostles, the Church's record of its witness to Jesus and the carrying forward of His work. In today's excerpted text Luke, the author both of the Gospel that bears his name and this history, portrays this ideal community of faith. They gathered in the Temple area to pray, they celebrated the Breaking of the Bread (Eucharist) in their homes and they used their material resources to look after one another. The signs and wonders Jesus promised are fully in evidence in the life of the church, which enjoyed the favor of the people. And their numbers grew, not because of themselves, but because of God's initiatives.

2. 1 Peter 1:3-9

Peter praises God for the great mercy he has shown in calling people to faith. Because of Jesus' Resurrection, Christians enjoy a living hope leading to their heavenly inheritance. Because of this, they can rejoice, even in the face of their trials. Their suffering proves the genuineness of their faith, deepening their confidence that they will be saved.

3. John 20:19-31

In the upper room, the Risen Jesus brings peace and forgiveness. He confirms the oneness of the reality between Jesus and the Christ by showing the apostles His hands and side and commissions them to go likewise and bring peace and forgiveness, a forgiveness first and foremost associated with the failure to believe, a failure exhibited by Thomas who is not present and is unbelieving. Coming a second time, Thomas now believes and his expression of faith (my Lord and my God) stands as the Church's own proclamation of its ultimate awareness of what it is to believe.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. How has Jesus shared new life with you?
2. We are living in an age of "locked doors" for fear of How would you finish that statement? Can Jesus free us?
3. Recall a time when you experienced the peace or forgiveness that Jesus brings. What was it like?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

(always subject to change)

Sat.	4/22	5:30PM	Fr. Anthony
Sun.	4/23	8:00AM	Fr. Frank
		9:30AM	Msgr. Sheeran
		11:00AM	Fr. Frank
		12:30PM	Fr. Ron
		3:00PM	Fr. Soliman
		6:30PM	Fr. Anthony

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