

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

April 22-23 2017

Divine Mercy Sunday

Mass times: Saturday: 5:30pm
Sunday: 10:45am

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Nursery: Available at 10:45 mass

Divine Mercy Sunday On **April 23, 2017** at St Patrick we will observe Divine Mercy Sunday. Starting at **2:00 pm** we will have a short video about the origin of Divine Mercy Sunday and the gift of Plenary Indulgence. This will be followed by a Divine Mercy Prayer Service at **3:00 pm**. Jesus made a promise about the Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday), that the soul that would go to Confession (within 20 days before) and receive Holy Communion on that feast day would "obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary 699). **Confession available at 2:00 pm**

Message from our Pastor:

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a very special day in the Church and very much related to Easter which we continue to celebrate. Divine Mercy Sunday was proclaimed by Saint John Paul II and was a result of a series of visions that occurred to a young Polish nun named Faustina Kowalska. She has since been declared a saint. One of the great graces of these visions is that she kept a diary that was released to the public that we can read. It contains her personal thoughts and experiences as well as the words said to her by Jesus during the visions. The diary is called "Divine Mercy in My Soul." Here are a few wonderful quotes.

"Suffering is a great grace; through suffering the soul becomes like the Savior; in suffering love becomes crystallized; the greater the suffering, the purer the love." (57)

"The future is not mine; with all my soul I try to make use of the present moment." (351)

"Great love can change small things into great ones, and it is only love which lends value to our actions. And the purer our love becomes, the less there will be within us for the flames of suffering to feed upon, and the suffering will cease to be a suffering for us; it will become a delight! By the grace of God, I have received such a disposition of heart that I am never so happy as when I suffer for Jesus, whom I love with every beat of my heart." (140)

"I will not allow myself to be so absorbed in the whirlwind of work as to forget about God." (82)

"A soul does not benefit as it should from the sacrament of confession if it is not humble. Pride keeps it in darkness. The soul neither knows how, nor is it willing, to probe with precision the depths of its own misery. It puts on a mask and avoids everything that might bring it recovery." (113)

"O my Jesus, You have tested me so many times in this short life of mine! I have come to understand so many things, and even such that now amaze me. Oh, how good it is to abandon oneself totally to God and to give Him full freedom to act in one's soul!" (134)

"He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God. As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart." (390)

"When I see that the burden is beyond my strength, I do not consider or analyze it or probe into it, but I run like a child to the Heart of Jesus and say only one word to Him: "You can do all things." And then I keep silent, because I know that Jesus Himself will intervene in the matter, and as for me, instead of tormenting myself, I use that time to love Him." (1033)

"O Christ, if my soul had known, all at once, what it was going to have to suffer during its lifetime, it would have died of terror at the very sight; it would not have touched its lips to the cup of bitterness. But as it has been given to drink a drop at a time, it has emptied the cup to the very bottom. O Christ, if You Yourself did not support the soul, how much could it do of itself? We are strong, but with Your strength; we are holy, but with Your holiness. And of ourselves, what are we? - less than nothing..." (1655)

"Although temptations are strong, a whole wave of doubts beats against my soul, and discouragement stands by, ready to act. The Lord, however, strengthens my will, against which all attempts of the enemy are shattered as if against a rock. I see how many actual graces God grants me; these support me ceaselessly. I am very weak, and I attribute everything to the grace of God." (1086)

"I remind you, My daughter, that as often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke its omnipotence for the whole world, and particularly for poor sinners; for at that moment mercy was open wide for every soul. In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of grace for the whole world - mercy triumphed over justice." (1572)

"Today the Lord said to me, 'Daughter, when you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul and ennobles it. Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of Mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity. The torrent of grace inundate humble souls. The proud remain always in poverty and misery, because My grace turns away from them to humble souls.'" (1602)

Enjoy Divine Mercy Sunday!!! - Fr Rossi

News & Announcements:

Thank you!!! - In addition to saying Happy Easter, I want to give everyone who helped make our Easter liturgies so reverent and beautiful a big **THANK YOU!!!**

We had so many from all our parishes who put in extra time - cantors, musicians, singers, our awesome staff here at our parishes, our lectors, our excellent and faithful catechists who prepared our newly baptized, all the folks who helped with decorations, and so many more!!! Thank you!!! My hope is that you will feel the satisfaction of a job well done for God and will help again in the future. Please!!! - Fr Rossi

Charity Concert benefiting Feed the Hungry & Heal the Sick:

The Knights of Columbus will host a concert featuring Three Sheets to the Wind, a 70's and 80's tribute band, and Diamon Heist, a Neil Diamond Tribute band. The concert will be on 4/28/17 from 6-10 pm. For details, or to purchase tickets, go to: FeedTheHungry.TicketLeap.com

Ministers Needed: St. Patrick's Parish is enjoying tremendous growth and we find ourselves in need of several ministers to ensure weekend Masses are celebrated seamlessly. Duties are easy to learn and you will be scheduled only once a month. Please reach out to Billie Keating with your interest and for details on becoming a Greeter/Usher, Altar Server or Sacristan. 804 347-7919; bjk6269@comcast.net

St. Francis Home: Thank you to all of those who participated in our Easter event for St. Francis Home. Thank you to you who came out as well as the people in our parish who made or wrote out Easter Cards. It was a wonderful visit on Easter Saturday.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sharing Sunday- May 7th: Please mark your calendars for May 7th to participate in Sharing Sunday. This is an opportunity for you to help others in need just by bringing with you to mass non-perishable food to be donated to a local food bank in our community (we will be giving to the St. Peter's Food Pantry). Suggested items – canned goods, cereal, tuna, peanut butter, etc. A table will be marked in basement to leave these donations.

Thank you: Thanks to all who contributed to the Easter Flower appeal. The eternal love of our Lord is beautifully expressed in all living things and especially in flowers. What a perfect way to pray.

Church Support as of 4/16/17

Weekly

Actual	\$4,504.80
Budgeted	<u>\$4,107.00</u>
Difference	(\$397.80)

Year to Date

Actual	\$168,306.28
Budgeted	<u>\$172,557.00</u>
Difference	(\$4,250.72)

Attendance for April 13,14,15,16 = 499

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SPC Emergency #: 804-402-1221 - If someone is dying or has died and you would like to talk with a priest, please call the emergency number at any time.

Bulletin: All bulletin submissions must be emailed to Michelle Dawson the Tuesday prior by noon.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): The RCIA is the process where the Catholic Church welcomes new adult members into the Church. Adults wishing to learn more should please contact Fred Powell or Ryland Paxton.

Baptisms: Baptisms are held the first Sunday of the month during Mass. Baptism class is required prior to Baptizing your first child. Classes are held at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. The next class will be held on 6/4/17. If you are interested in attending a class & scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner.

Visitation to the sick and homebound – If you or someone you know would like a visit and Holy Communion at their home. Please call the office at 737-8028. Office staff will ensure the information will be relayed to Visitation Ministry individuals.

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