

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 9:30 a.m. (said in English)
 11:00 a.m. (said in Polish)

Weekday Masses

Masses are in Chapel
 Monday & Tuesdays 10:00 a.m.
 Wed. Thur. Fri. Sat. 11:30 a.m.
 Thursday Mass is said in Polish

Confession

(Sacrament of penance and reconciliation)
 In the Church
 Saturday 4:15-4:45 p.m. or by appointment

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Sunday before Mass in English
 After the Mass in Polish

Sacrament of Anointing

In case of emergency,
 Please call the office.

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

Wednesday to Friday
 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Mass
 First Thursday of the Month
 In the Church from 7p.m. – 10 p.m.

Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of Czestochowa

Every Saturday after 11:30 a.m. Mass

Parish Office Hours

Monday–Friday: 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
 (Closed for lunch 12:30-1:00)

Letters of Recommendation

Only registered and participating parishioners will be issued a Letter of Recommendation. Letters cannot be issued to non-parishioners

Welcome

We extend to our visitors a very special welcome. We trust that the liturgy will be a blessing to you and you will visit us again. If you think you may be interested in joining Corpus Christi Parish, please contact our office. We will be glad to assist in making arrangements for your registration. Call 716-896-1050.

Sanctuary Light

The Sanctuary Light is a reminder of the Eucharistic presence of Christ in the tabernacles of the Catholic Churches of the world. The Light is available for “A Special Intention” or “in Memory of Your Deceased Loved One.” With a donation of \$10.00 (or \$20 for both Church and Chapel), the light will burn for the week for your prayer intention and will be published in the bulletin. Please call the parish secretary to schedule your intention.



Vigil for Sunday,

5:00 For the Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio and the St. Joseph Eparchy of Parma, Ohio requested by Fr. David Misbrener

Sunday, April 19th, The Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

9:30 +Veronica Janora requested by her Children
 11:00 + Włodzimierz Dębiński requested by Helena Gołębiowska

Monday, April 20th, EASTER Weekday

10:00 Special Intension

Tuesday, April 21th, EASTER Weekday

10:00 + Robert Ozga requested by Family Krzyszton and Ozga

Wednesday, April 22th, EASTER Weekday

11:30 + Celia Lukaszewski requested by Family

Thursday, April 23th, EASTER Weekday

11:30 + Don Okonski requested by Family

Friday, April 24th, EASTER Weekday

11:30 + Matthew Sikora (Birthday) requested by Gran Mother Mary Sikora

Saturday, April 25th, EASTER Weekday

11:30 Frank Kotlowski requested byGenieve Pelczynski

Vigil for Sunday,

5:00 + Stanley Stempowski requested by Family

Sunday, April 26th, The Third of Easter

9:30 For all Mathers in Corpus Christi Church requested by A loving Parishioners
 11:00 + Maria Serafian requested by Family

Sanctuary Lamp in the Church

+ Rita Sikorski

Requested her husband
 Leonard and Family



Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel

The Lamp in our Sanctuary Burns
 Brightly for all the

Parishioners and Benefactors of our Parish



Prayer Requests

Prayers are requested for the following: Adele Krent, David Kusek, Barb Eagan, Alice Mackiewicz, Carol Frydryzhowski, Theresa Sikora, The Knoll Family, Joan Zielinski, Krystyna Michaliszyn, Leonard Sikorski, Mike Smith, Stan Kapron and Alice Jaracz.



Notes and Quotes for Reflection on Divine Mercy

From Creation, God has revealed his nature as love itself, in Sacred Scripture and most perfectly in the life, Passion, death and Resurrection of his Son, Jesus. Saints have also borne witness to God's unfathomable love, e.g., in the writings of Augustine, Aquinas, Catherine of Siena, Francis of Assisi, Margaret Mary Alacoque and Therese of Lisieux.

In his second encyclical, *Rich in Mercy*, Pope Saint John Paul II offers an extended meditation on the mystery of God's mercy, which he calls "the greatest of the attributes and perfections of God" (*Dives in Misericordia*, 13). He returned to this theme throughout his pontificate:

As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace. How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy!



Lord, who reveals the Father's love by Your death and Resurrection, we believe in You and confidently repeat to You today: Jesus, I trust in You, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world.

~ St. Pope John Paul II, Regina Caeli message prepared for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2005

What is mercy if not the boundless love of God, who confronted with human sin, restrains the sentiment of severe justice and, allowing Himself to be moved by the wretchedness of His creatures, spurs Himself to the total gift of self, in the Son's cross ...?

Who can say that he is free from sin and does not need God's mercy? As people of this restless time of ours, wavering between the emptiness of self-exaltation and the humiliation of despair, we have a greater need than ever for a regenerating experience of mercy.

~St. Pope John Paul II, Regina Caeli message, April 10, 1994

Pope Benedict XVI called St. John Paul II "a great apostle of Divine Mercy" and echoed his predecessor's thoughts:

In our time, humanity needs a strong proclamation and witness of God's mercy. Beloved John Paul II, a great apostle of Divine Mercy, prophetically intuited this urgent pastoral need. He dedicated his second Encyclical to it and throughout his pontificate made himself a missionary of God's love to all peoples.

~Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus message, September 16, 2007

Mercy is the central nucleus of the Gospel message; it is the very name of God, the Face with which he revealed himself in the Old Covenant and fully in Jesus Christ,

the incarnation of creative and redemptive Love. May this merciful love also shine on the face of the Church and show itself through the sacraments, in particular that of Reconciliation, and in works of charity, both communitarian and individual. May all that the Church says and does manifest the mercy God feels for man.

~Pope Benedict XVI, Regina Caeli address, March 30, 2008

Saint Faustina:

Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a



humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. St. John Paul II explains:

This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, nazism and communism, were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercy—the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church.

~ Pope Saint John Paul II, *Memory and Identity* (2005)

Divine Mercy Sunday: St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed, for example:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary, no. 699)

On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

The Image: Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (Diary, no. 742).