

**DIVINE
MERCY**

Sunday

*Mass Intentions***Monday, 29 April—St. Catherine of Sienna, Doctor of the Church**

7:30 a.m. Concetta O’Cone
12:15 p.m. James Polhemus

Tuesday, 30 April

7:30 a.m. Mario O’Cone
12:15 p.m. Mary M. O’Shea

Wednesday, 1 May

7:30 a.m. Dec. Mem. Sicknick & O’Cone Families
12:15 p.m. James Polhemus

Thursday, 2 May—St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:30 a.m. Walter Bruce Sicknick
12:15 p.m. Dorothy Hughes

Friday, 3 May—Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

7:30 a.m. Guiseppeclia Buono

Saturday, 4 May

9:00 a.m. Rev. John Brundage
5:00 p.m. Bill Manley

Sunday, 5 May—Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Maria Tschopp
11:00 a.m. Yolanda Egan
6:00p.m. For the People

In your charity, please pray for...

Kevin Hoagland, Thomas Spataro, Connor Montferrat, Theresa Birdsey, Ginnie Previte, Jonathan Swedel, John William Criscuoli, Danielle Reiser, Esther Wambui, Norman Corbett, Florence Gowin, Margaret Cleary, Teresa Yannazzone, Bill Spataro, Nicholas Rossi, Chris Joyce, Gary Vavila, Patricia & Sylvanus Ashamole, Louis Svelec, Joseph D’Imperio III, the sick members of the Akushie and Nwachukwu Families, Doris Tarquinio, Peg Byrne, Rick Scuderi, Linda Ryan, Rita Pietrobono, Nicole Mancini, Angelo Mancini, Becky Yurga, Rebecca Miller, Orlando Gines, Yvonne Finaldi, Sheila Lavery, Tanya Davis, Sgt. John McLaughlin, Patricia Deri, Alessia DePasquale, Brian Donoghue, Christine Fellin, Jose Lopez, Joseph Gerity, Mary Cignarella, Lorraine Fellin, Russell C. Hall, Russell J. Hall, Angelo Rossi, Mary Ann Hrapsky, William Kish, Maria Kratzar, Theresita DeGuzman, Bette Smith, Mary Spicer, Tom and Kathleen Monchek, Anna Graziosi, Shirley Murphy, Joey Mahoney, Evelyn Echevarria, Patricia Krakowski, Carmella LaVera, Joseph Gutsick, Marlene Salimbene, Barbara Wittreich, Frederick DeLong, Anne Gutsick-Smith, W.J.R.,

All the sick, those who are homebound, the hospitalized, and all who serve in the military.

2019 Bishop’s Annual Appeal

Help Build a Civilization of Love

On Divine Mercy Sunday we turn to our faith in God who is ready to embrace us and forgive us for all our wrongdoings. In exchange for our humanity God offers His divinity and even though we have sinned against God He never forgets that what He made is good and always shows mercy.

Mercy is a sign of a strong church. We need to be merciful and we need mercy upon us to carry out the mission of the Church to make the Risen Lord’s Way, Truth, and Life known. With a few weeks remaining in the Bishop’s Annual Appeal, St. Peter’s has collected \$36,971.25 from 107 parishioners which represents 77% of our parish goal and together we can reach our full potential in the upcoming weeks. The ministries that the Bishop’s Annual Appeal funds provides us the opportunity to attend to our people, serve our Church, and makes the priorities of the Gospel known.

All the funds raised through the Bishop’s Annual Appeal go towards the ministries and programs outlined in the appeal brochure.

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2019 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop’s Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ

08840-4000 or give online at www.diometuchen.org/BAA.

Thank you 

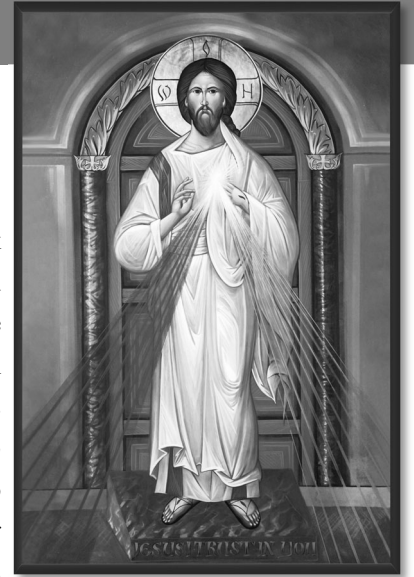
This Week’s Readings

Monday: Acts 4:23-31-37; Ps 2:1-4, 7-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A Reflection from Msgr. Celano on Divine Mercy Sunday



The Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday

My goddaughter loves to draw. When she was 6 or 7 years old, she surprised me with a picture she drew of me in pencil and crayon. It looks pretty much like what you would expect from a 6 year old. My face is very round and goofy-looking, the lips are bright, *bright*, red, and the eyes are a little mismatched.

That picture still hangs proudly in my office. It's not there because it's a brilliant piece of art. It's there, because I love my goddaughter and because she loved me enough to draw it.

Our Protestant friends often criticize Catholics for believing that we can "merit" salvation by good works; and to some degree, their criticism may be right. Ask any Catholic how to get to heaven and they will probably say something along the lines of "by being good person". This is not a *bad* answer. Hopefully, "being a good person" is something we all strive to be. But it not the *right* answer. If it were, the death and resurrection of Jesus would be unnecessary. We could achieve communion with God on our own. The true answer lies beyond *us*, in the merciful Heart of Jesus.

A child – any child - sticks her hands in finger-paints, smears it around, and calls it a "giraffe". A parent praises the work and puts on the fridge, not because it's a work of art worthy of the Louvre, but because the parent loves the child, wants to praise their effort and encourage their creativity. It is not *despite* of, but *because of* the love that drew the crooked lines and smudged colors of the artwork, and the love of the parent who receives it, that it finds its' value and an honored place on the family fridge.

In this week's Gospel passage (John 20:19-31), Thomas simply says what any reasonable person would say when told that someone who has died is dead no longer; he is skeptical, and is not afraid to say so. Thomas wants to see Jesus, to touch Him, to know with certainty that this incredible news

might be true. A week later, the Risen Lord suddenly stands before Thomas and invites Him to do exactly what his heart longs to do...to see, to touch, and to know. And Thomas, our "skeptic", falls to his knees and confesses what no one else confesses: he calls Jesus, "Lord and God".

Like Thomas, we all come to Jesus wanting to see, touch, and know that the "good news" is true. But, like Thomas, we also bring with us the crooked lines and smudged colors of our lives; we come with feeble faith, the disappointments and wounds of our lives, and our faltering efforts to truly be "good persons". Is what we bring to Jesus worthy of Him, in and of themselves? Do they merit heaven – eternal communion with God – in and of themselves? No, of course not.

At some point we come to realize that it's not because of what we have done, but because of what Christ has done, that heaven is laid open before us. Pope Benedict once wrote that "God Himself has undertaken the longest part of the journey" in seeking for man. We seek for God because God is first seeking for us. We long to see, and touch, and know, because He longs for us, to receive all the smudged colors and crooked lines of our lives, so that we might know our true value. All we can bring to this moment of life-changing encounter with Jesus is ourselves, as we truly are. What Christ brings to this encounter is faithful love and tender mercy, not measured out by the teaspoon, but by the ocean. This is the moment in which we discover the truth that renews our lives and sets us free. We are loved, and everything is grace! This is the moment when all we can do is fall to our knees and say, "*Jesus, I trust in you!*"



Easter Flower Donations

Thank you to all those who gave so generously towards our Easter flowers. Your offerings will make it possible to keep our sanctuary filled with flowers throughout the Easter season. Please keep the following in your prayers as well as their loved ones in whose memory these flowers were lovingly donated.

Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Rydel
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 Frederick DeLong
 Catherine Doyle
 Anthony Puglisi
 Mr. & Mrs. Stanton Hubbard
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Russo
 Mr. & Mrs. Carlton Cassaday
 Jamie and Farley Restrepo
 Josephine Liotta
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 Michael & Marie Hayes
 James Feaster

(Those who gave through on-line giving will be acknowledged in next week's bulletin.)

Please Return Your Rice Box Donations by Sunday, May 5th!

You may place your Lenten Rice Box Donations in our regular collection baskets or mail a check into the office made payable to Catholic Relief Services. Thank you to all those who took part in this endeavor to help those in need through your Lenten sacrifice and care.



CONTINUED MESSAGES FROM THE PASTOR

Thank You - I offer my sincerest thanks to all those who, by sharing themselves and their gifts, made the celebration of the Paschal Triduum so prayerful and meaningful. A special word of thanks is owed to:

- ◆ **Fr. James DeFillipps** and **Fr. Jason Pavich** for all their hard work in preparing the church environment, setting up, cleaning up, and rehearsing the altar servers. I especially thank Fr. James for decorating the church for the Triduum, which looked especially beautiful. I also am grateful to the **anonymous donor** who provided the flowers and fabrics. The money collected through your gift to the Easter flower collection will help keep the church adorned through the Easter season.
- ◆ **Deacons Helmut Wittreich** and **Patrick Gutsick**, for the gifts you bring to our parish and for your faithful service in the ministry of the Word and charity.
- ◆ **Mr. Anthony Nardino**, the **parish choir**, and our **instrumentalists** for their hard work in planning, rehearsing, and ministering to us through music. They brought to the celebrations of Holy

Week a profound prayerfulness and sense of reverent joy.

- ◆ **Our Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, and Altar Servers** for your faithfulness to your ministries and for your willing spirit of service to the people of our parish.
- ◆ **Anne Marie Calderone, Sr. Donna Losota, Sr. Claire Marie, Sr. Lorraine and Sr. Clare SJH** our RCIA team members, **Bill, Robin, Christine, Cornelius, Blake, Cristina and Dan** for forming our catechumens and candidates in faith and journeying with them to the Table of the Lord.
- ◆ Lastly, all those who gave of themselves, even in small ways, to assist us during Holy Week and the Triduum.

We are blessed in each other,
Msgr. Joe Celano

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION



Please join the Petros Community as we gather or our monthly First Friday Adoration!

The next First Friday Adoration is on:
3 May 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

All are welcome to join us in the Church sanctuary. There will be an opportunity for silent reflection as well as praise and worship. If you are a young adult, please join us after for fellowship at a local restaurant.

To keep up with all of our recurring events,
like us on Facebook:
www.Facebook.com/PetrosNJ

MARIAN YEAR EVENT



Please join us as we raise awareness of the importance of devotion to Our Lady!

Our next catechesis will be:
13 May 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Fatima
offered by **Sr. Christine Quence, SJH**

We invite you to join us throughout the year for presenters in prayer and study as we grow closer to Our Lady.

If you have questions, please email:
FrJames@StPeterNewBrunswick.org

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.,
5:00 p.m. Vigil
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

Holy Days of Obligation: For an updated schedule of Masses, please visit StPeterNewBrunswick.org.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday – Friday: 7:30 a.m. in the Catholic Center Chapel
Monday – Thursday: 12:15 p.m. in the Catholic Center Chapel, 84 Somerset Street

CONFESSION (Sacrament of Reconciliation):

Saturdays: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon; and by appointment

NOVENA PRAYERS: Mondays at 7:30pm in the Catholic Center Chapel

BAPTISMS:

Normally scheduled on the second & fourth Sundays of the month at 12:30pm (not during Lent). Please observe the requirements for sponsors. Must contact the office in advance to register. First-time parents are required to attend a baptism formation session.

WEDDINGS:

Marriage arrangements should be made one year in advance of the wedding. Please call the parish office before making other definitive plans. Once a wedding is approved and the date is confirmed, the required marriage preparation process may commence.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:

Please call the parish office to make arrangements for the administration of the Sacrament of the Sick and/or for the reception of the Holy Eucharist to those who are ill or elderly.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

In the case of an **emergency** requiring a priest after business hours, please call **732-545-6185**.

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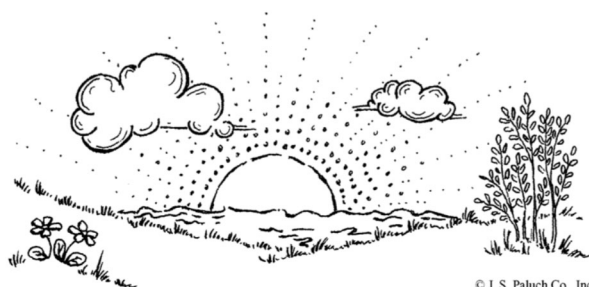
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William Carroll Cemetery Director

The Catholic Center at Rutgers University

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Website: www.RutgersCatholic.org (new name!)
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