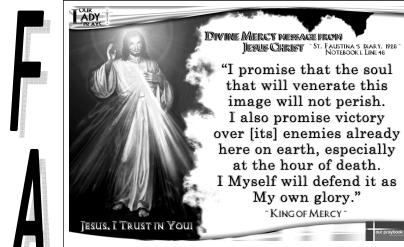


# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



**Our Lady of Fatima Parish  
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**Rectory Office Hours:**

**Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**Parish Office: 814-942-0371**

## Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule

**Sunday: 10:30 AM - Holy Days: 6:00PM**  
**Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM**

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator**

**Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur**

**Parish Secretary  
Carol Z. Smith**

**Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:  
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.**

**Our Lady of Fatima Church is open  
Monday through Friday: 9AM - 6PM  
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.**

**Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held  
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**Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be held at  
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**8:00 AM**

**10:00 AM**

**12:00 Noon**

**5:00 PM**

**8:00 AM**

**12:00 Noon**

**8:00 AM**

**12:00 Noon**

**Saturday : 8:00 AM**

**12:00 Noon**

**APRIL 8, 2018**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE**

It is not often that the author of one of the books of the Bible comes right out and tells us directly why he is writing what he is writing. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, taken from the conclusion of John's Gospel, the author tells us that he has chosen to record these events so "that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name" (20:31).

The letter of John echoes this idea by saying that "[e]veryone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God" (5:1)—what we might refer to as being "born again." Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles for this Second Sunday of Easter shows us exactly what it looks like when believers are born again through faith.

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Sometimes children acquire nicknames in childhood that stalk them through adulthood: "Pinky," "Boo-boo," and the like. This Sunday was once called "Low Sunday," a step down from Easter glory, and an unfortunate nickname since Easter rejoicing goes on for fifty days. Traditionally this is the day when the newly baptized put away their white baptismal robes and returned to their everyday life after a week of intense celebration. Of course, the goal was to take up everyday duties with a very new point of view.

A long title for the day was *Dominica in albis deposito*, or "The Lord's Day for Putting Away the Albs," so no wonder the nickname "Low Sunday" arose. In the old calendar it was also called "Quasimodo Sunday," after the first word of the opening chant, *Quasimodo geniti infantes*, or "As newborn infants," a reference to the newly baptized taken from the Epistle of Peter. Victor Hugo's bell-ringing hero in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* was abandoned as an infant on the threshold of the cathedral of Paris on Low Sunday, 1467, and named "Quasimodo" for the feast.

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**NO THEORY**

**Let your religion so be less of a theory and more of a love affair.**

—G. K. Chesterton

**EVERYTHING**

**God, of your goodness give me yourself, for you are enough for me. And only in you do I have everything.**

—St. Julian of Norwich

APRIL 8, 2018  
DIVINE MERCY -SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
10:30 AM

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31  
**Today's Intention - Michael J. Zaczek, Ann.**  
Readings: Act 3:13-15,17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48  
April 15th, Joe Milliron, Family

### Cathedral Mass Intentions

#### April 9, Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Readings: Is 7:10-14,8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
6:45 AM Elizabeth Karl (Bob and Joan Lozinak)  
8:00 AM Leroy & Irmina Helfrich (Estate)  
12:00 PM M. Virginia Jones (Randy & Jean Koury Fam)

#### April 10, Tuesday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15  
6:45 AM Msgr. Paul Panza (Tom and Patricia Forr)  
8:00 AM Joe Wiedemer (Murphy and Patty Montler)  
12:00 PM Michael Dionis (Fran and Jack Robine)  
7:00 PM Confirmation

#### April 11, Wednesday: Saint Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

Readings: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21  
6:45 AM Marian Clemens (Mike and Sherry Byrne)  
8:00 AM Derek Behe (Mom and Dad)  
12:00 PM John Bettwy (Joseph and Jean Bettwy)

#### April 12, Thursday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36  
6:45 AM David Conrad (Nora Maginnis)  
8:00 AM Julianne Seidel (Kay Wesner & Ann Gates)  
12:00 PM Louise Talko (Tom and Vicky McGraw)  
7:00 PM Confirmation

#### April 13, Friday: Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr

Readings: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15  
6:45 AM Patrick Eberle (Mary and Jim Farrell)  
8:00 AM Mike Chisko (Bart and Eileen Hmel)  
**\*12:00 PM Tom Byrne (Jack and Colleen Douglass)**

#### April 14, Saturday: Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21  
**\*8:00 AM M. Charlotte McCall, Birth.(Greg & Karen Querry)**  
12:00 PM Gloria Hockenberry, Birthday

#### Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter

Readings: Act 3:13-15,17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48  
5:00 PM Bernadine Garcia (Charlotte Irwin)

APRIL 8, 2018

### Scripture Reflection

If we choose to live as Easter people, our lives will be radically transformed. This is what happened to Jesus' disciples. They went from being cowards, afraid for their lives, to bold messengers of the Gospel. The earliest Christian communities were transformed, aspiring to live a way of life radically different from their previous one. The question for us today is whether we will allow ourselves to be profoundly transformed by the Easter message and so become revealers of God.

In the first part of today's Gospel reading, Jesus shared the Spirit with the apostles and directed them to use it for the forgiveness of sins. With the Spirit, the apostles were able to speak with divine authority. They could forgive offenses against God on God's behalf. This ministry continues today both in the church, through the sacrament of reconciliation, and among individual Christians when they forgive and perform works of mercy.

In the second part of the Gospel reading, Jesus chides Thomas for his slowness of faith, but he also shows that he is able to overcome Thomas's doubts and bring him to belief. At various times in history, Christians have used this Gospel to defend the use of material things like sacramental's, pilgrimages, icons or other religious art. Christ is willing to use things that are seen to strengthen us when we are weak in faith. Those of us who through baptism continue his mission in the Spirit must remember that as individuals and as church, we are icons of Christ. The world must see in us the same merciful Christ who appeared to the apostles. Then from us they can learn of Christ's mission and perform great works with his Spirit.

- How has the Risen Lord called you to continue his mission of mercy, joy, and peace?

AT HOME with the WORD 2018, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 77. AMERICA MAGAZINE, "Sent to Show Mercy" Michael R. Simone, S.J., April 2, 2018.

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father, Have Mercy on Me a Sinner*

*Please Remember Our Sick and our Shut-ins in your Daily prayers.*

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## Liturgical Reflection...

We stand with Thomas today to make one of the greatest professions of faith in scripture to Jesus Christ, "My Lord, and my God!" Thomas comes face to face with the Risen Christ. The celebration of the Christian funeral brings hope and consolation to the living. When a Christian dies we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ with certainty and witness to Christian hope in the resurrection. The funeral rites recall God's mercy and judgment and meet the human need to turn always to God in times of crisis. Death has lost its power. We live in the mercy of God, in the risen life of the Easter Jesus. Order of Christian Funerals, 1998/1989, Number 7.

2018, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

April 8

John 20:19-31

In today's gospel Jesus teaches, "Blessed are those who have not seen and believe." Accepting someone as they are, without demanding they prove themselves or meet our expectations, creates a rich relationship. Without acceptance a home is only a house and a family is just a group of house mates.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (April 8, 2018)

In his first encyclical, Pope Benedict XVI states that "Only if I serve my neighbor can my eyes be opened to what God does for me and how much he loves me. "On this Divine Mercy Sunday, practice Christian stewardship (serve others) through works of mercy and reconciliation.



### Transformation

By Jeanette Perking Brown

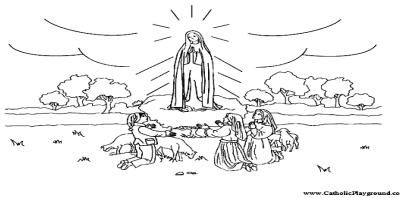


A tiny egg once held a germ that grew and grew into a worm. The worm grew bigger than its skin, and left the shell 'twas living in. And still it grew, until it spun chrysalis. Still life went on. For from the chrysalis there came new life, but changed in form and name. With fluttering wings of beauty rare a butterfly rose into the air. The worm it once was could not guess it ever would wear such a dress. For born within those tiny germs is life beyond the dreams of worms.

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### OUR LADY OF FATIMA TRAVELING STATUE ...

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**April 8, 2018**

**April is Child Abuse Prevention Month**

*Additional Memorial Monies received by Steve & Robyn Kasun in Memory of his Mother Frances Kasun.*

In Mark 10:14, Jesus says “Let the little children come to me, and do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” Children and young people are gifts from God and deserve to be safe from all harm, including abuse. <http://www.usccb.org/bible/mark/10>

**Did you know:** Common sense is not all that common? It is naive to presume that people automatically know boundaries so organizations and families don't have to spell them out. Dioceses, schools, parishes, and especially families, must educate themselves and others on how to protect children.

**Did you know:** Child sexual abuse can be prevented? Awareness that child sexual abuse exists and can exist anywhere is a start. It is then critical to build safety barriers around children and young people to keep them from harm. These barriers come in the form of protective guardians, codes of conduct, background evaluations, policies and procedures, and safety training programs.

**Source:** The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

*Please remember the importance of families and communities while working together to prevent child abuse. The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is asking you to become more aware of the signs of child abuse and neglect. Seek out our youth protection awareness and mandated reporting trainings. These are available for the first time advocate or as a refresher course. To learn more about Youth Protection Awareness and Mandated Reporting, please contact Cindy O'Connor at (814) 695-5579, extension 2621 or via email at coconnor@dioceseaj.org.*

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Join us at St. Benedict Parish, Johnstown for “**Life in Christ: Mission, Mass & Mary**”. In this dynamic three – night mission, Catholic author and retreat director Thomas Smith will begin by sharing how we can embrace our baptismal mission to share the faith with others. Next we will reflect on the Mass as the source of our strength, a model for personal prayer and an invitation to intimacy. On night three, we will explore the indispensable role of Mary as a model disciple, powerful intercessor and protector. The parish mission will be held **April 22-24<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM nightly at St. Benedict Parish, 2310 Bedford Street, Johnstown. This event is open to all in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese.** Tickets are not required. A love offering will be taken. For more information please contact Deacon Michael Russo at (814) 288-3036 or michael.russo@atlanticbb.net.

**St. Demetrius Beef Dinner**

**St. Demetrius Parish in Gallitzin will hold its 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Roast Beef Dinner / Spring Festival on Sunday, April 8th. It will feature games, baskets, a bake sale, and of course our delicious roast beef dinner. Location: Church hall (former St. Patrick building) at the top of Church Street. Time: 11:00 a.m. to ...? Tickets: Adults (eat-in or take-out) \$10.00; Children 6-to-12, \$6.00; 5 and under FREE**

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**For more information email: Denise Kreckel  
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04/15 Joe Cheslock

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## Spring Clean our Hearts, Oh Lord!

**De-Clutter~** Think about all of the things in your life that clutters your path to God. Is your schedule full of activities that steal you away from sitting in the presence of your Creator? Think about what activities you can eliminate, so you will have time to grow in a personal relationship with the Lord.

**Dust~** Remove the dust of spiritual staleness from your life. Don't settle for how things have always been. Read a good new book about our Catholic Faith! Try a different approach to prayer (ex: Ignatius Spiritual Exercises.) Perhaps even attend a workshop or conference that will help to ignite your faith.

**Sweep~** Remove the cob-webs of the past that inhibit your walk with God. Reconcile with your neighbor! Have the courage to go to frequent confession, recognizing the need for God's mercy and forgiveness.

**Shine~** Don't be afraid to share your love with others. Be a light in this very dark world. Do others know there is something different about you? Shine, make them wonder what really is the source of your JOY!

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### Family Ritual

**Putting Faith Into Action:** "...as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

Part of living our faith is being of service to others. Choose a family outreach project to do during the Easter Season. Some ideas to get you thinking:

- Help at a soup kitchen
- Do yard work for an elderly person
- Babysit for a single parent
- Deliver items to a women's shelter
- Volunteer at your church bazaar

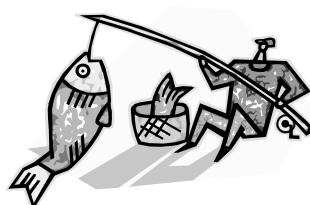


### A Fisherman's Prayer

**God Grant . . .**

"That I may live to fish until my dying day, And when my final cast is made  
And life has slipped away, I pray that God's great landing net  
Will catch me in its sweep And in His mercy,  
God will judge me Big enough to keep."

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OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY FOR  
PEACE AND OFFER  
SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 8

THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE WILL BE VENERATED

AFTER 10:30 MASS UNTIL 6 PM. AT

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH



Original "Vilnius" Image

### VENERATION OF THE SACRED IMAGE on the Feast of Divine Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday)

In 1931, Our Lord appeared to St. Faustina. 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)*

### VENERATION IN THE CHURCH

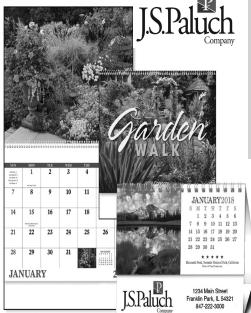
*Jesus said.... "I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world"(47).*

*"I want the image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it." (341)*

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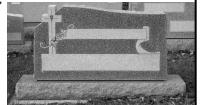
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