

**REFLECTION FOR THE DAY—DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

The season of Easter is upon us and it continues for seven weeks, until Pentecost. Throughout those weeks, we are encouraged to bask in the glow of the resurrection—to rejoice in the mystery of Christ’s life, death and resurrection that brought our salvation. Since 2000, the Church has combined the Easter celebration with the acknowledgment of the mercy of God that restored our right relationship with him and allowed us entry into everlasting life. Thus, we have the Sunday after Easter celebrated throughout the Church as Divine Mercy Sunday.



The Gospel shows this mercy in action. Jesus appears to the disciples for the first time after his resurrection. He wishes them peace, and assures them he has truly died and been raised from the dead. Then, through his own breath, Jesus passes on to the Apostles the Holy Spirit, granting them—mere mortals—the ability to forgive sins. In this way, he commissions them to take an active role in imparting divine mercy on those they serve in God’s name.

Finally, we hear the story of Thomas. This gives us a concrete example of divine mercy. Thomas could not believe in the Resurrection unless he saw evidence. Jesus accepts this weakness of faith, and accommodates Thomas’ unbelief. This loving acceptance is an integral part of divine mercy. Thomas represents us and our various weaknesses. As he did with Thomas, Jesus strengthens us when we have doubts, and raises each of us above our human frailties and, through his mercy, brings us into communion with the Father.

What love this is—what mercy he showers on us! As we contemplate the wonder of such mercy, let us show our gratitude by living as Jesus taught us, loving one another and showing mercy to those we encounter each day.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To celebrate the feast day of **Divine Mercy, Sun, Apr 11th**, there will be adoration **after the 11 am Mass** and the **Divine Mercy Chaplet recited at 1:00 pm**. Come to pray.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays at 6:00 pm**. Please join us.

There are a few **advertising spaces available** on the back of our bulletin. These ads reach many individuals as well as our website. If you are interested, please email [stmaryswilno@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryswilno@gmail.com) for more details.

The Parish will accept **e-transfers**, using the dedicated email address [marglofcheskie@gmail.com](mailto:marglofcheskie@gmail.com) (Marilyn Glofcheskie, Financial Committee Member). This email address is being used for this purpose only and not personal communication. All donations will be recorded as usual, designated as per request, and will appear on the year end tax receipt.

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES—April 12—April 25

As of April 3, 2021, we are allowed to return to the former sets of restrictions governing the church gatherings that were introduced because of COVID-19. This means that we are allowed of **15% of capacity**, which in our church would allow for at least **75 people**, present during our liturgical celebrations. At the same time, we have to keep in place all the former restrictions, that is, we keep the social distancing of 6 feet apart, we sanitize our hands, we sign in after coming to the church, follow one way traffic in the church building, abstain from singing and receive Holy Communion with our hands. **Bishop Desrochers is reminding us once again, that the Renfrew County District Health Unit is asking us to wear the mask throughout the whole celebration, not just at certain times.**

**Monday, April 12—No Mass—St. Julius**

**Tuesday, April 13— No Mass – St. Martin I**

**Wednesday, April 14 – St. Lydwina, St. Lambert**

**7:00 pm (Polish/English) +Peter (Anniv) & Theresa Murack** (Catherine & Michael Bloskie & Family)

**Thursday, April 15—No Mass—St. Paternus**

**Friday, April 16– St. Benedict Joseph Labre**

**6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**7:00 pm God's blessing gift of spiritual & physical health & conversion for all 5 children** (Mother)

**Saturday, April 17—St. Kateri Tekakwitha**

**5:00 pm For all of our parishioners**

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**Sunday, April 18—Bl. Marie-Anne Blondin**

**11:00 am (Polish/English) +Barbara Szymańska** (Dorota & Mirek)

**Monday, April 19—St. Elphege**

**10:00 am (Polish) +Sylvester Recoskie** (Patrick Prince)

**Tuesday, April 20– No Mass – St. Agnes of Montepulciano, St. Beuno**

**Wednesday, April 21 – St. Anselm**

**7:00 pm (Polish/English) +Monica Burchat** (Theresa Shulist)

**Thursday, April 22— No Mass—St. Leonidas, St. Opportuna**

**Friday, April 23— St. George, St. Adalbert**

**6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**7:00 pm +Florence (Lolly) Shulist** (Shulist Family)

**Saturday, April 24—St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen**

**5:00 pm +Anthony & Agnes Borutski and August & Frances Kuiack**

(Frank Borutski & Rose Kutchkoskie)

**Sunday, April 25—St. Mark, Evangelist**

**11:00 am (Polish/English) For all of our parishioners**

### ***In your prayers remember:***



- \* Our sick and hospitalized
- \* Our elderly parishioners.
- \* All those at the manor, lodge and homebound.
- \* Our deceased family & friends.