



**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY  
APRIL 8, 2018**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 7TH**

**5:00PM** Michael Sheftic req. by Ann-Marie and Ed Coffey

**SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH**

**8:00AM** Ann and Joseph Sagarese and Louise and John Dirago req. by Kate and Ed Sagarese

**9:30AM** People of the Parish

**11:00AM** Giuseppina Musacchia req. by The D'Amico Family

**MONDAY, APRIL 9TH**

**9:00AM** Mary and Myles Doyle req. by Family

**TUESDAY, APRIL 10TH**

**9:00AM** Joan Driscoll req. by Family

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11TH**

**9:00AM** Manus O'Donnell req. by Family

**THURSDAY APRIL 12TH**

**9:00AM** NO MASS

**FRIDAY, APRIL 13TH**

**9:00AM** NO MASS

**SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH**

**5:00PM** Concetta and Francesco Papaleo req. by Son and Family

**SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH**

**8:00AM** Pietro Buragina req. by the Miller and Secor Families

**9:30AM** People of the Parish

**11:00AM** Ben and Frances Campo req. by Daughter

**HEALING PRAYERS...**



... are asked for all the sick of our Parish, and for all for whom we have been praying. We also ask your prayers for their family members and others who are caring for their loved ones. May God give them the strength and grace to help them through these difficult times.

**BIBLE STUDY RESUMES**

**St. John's Gospel and Letters.** St John's writings are beautiful and deserve a closer look. We will study and meditate on these amazing Words. Come for all 5 sessions or even for 1 or 2. All are welcome! Bring a Bible or copy of the New Testament.

We will meet from 6:30-7:30pm on the following Thursdays - April 12, 19, and May 17 and 24th in the rectory. If interested, please call Pat Pelella 236-7431 or call the Rectory.

**NEXT MARLBORO / MILTON SENIOR TRIP....**

...will be held on **Tuesday, April 24th as they travel to the Villa Roma.** At arrival, coffee and cake will be served followed by a show performed by Steve Diamond and Trio. Included in the price is Dinner beginning with Italian appetizers and your choice of Prime Rib, Chicken Breast or Salmon filet as Entrée with delicious Italian Pastries for Dessert. Indoor Activities will follow. The group will leave St. Mary's Parking Lot at 9:15AM. Total cost: \$48. Call Mary Martin for more info at 845-389-6575.

**COMING SOON! GRANNY'S ATTIC!**



**GRANNY'S ATTIC  
MAY 17th - 18th - 19th- 2th**

Our enthusiastic Granny's Attic organizer, **Jeanne DeSantis**, is getting excited (hard to hold this woman down!) - her favorite St. Mary's fundraiser is coming soon. This activity which has been under Jeanne's direction for many years, has been the most successful fund raiser - each year the donations seem never-ending and the profits from the sales have been one of the highest fund raising amounts for our parish - lots of hard work for Jeanne and her crew, so we appreciate all you also do to help.

Items for the sale should be brought to the Parish Hall on Thursday and Friday, May 17th and 18th between the hours of 9AM and 2PM. We are sorry but we cannot accept:

- + clothing or shoes
- + computers or computer equipment
- + rugs
- + furniture
- + large appliances
- + exercise equipment



Jeanne has also said that if you have any small furniture items, she would be willing to accept it - ex. - rocking chair, small tables, etc. Call her to ask if she would be interested in what you may have.

**We request that you do not just leave items at the doors of the church, hall or rectory. Please be considerate and call the rectory if you are not able to come during scheduled times. We do not have the room to store your donations.**

The sale will begin at 9AM on Saturday, May 19th and continue until 3PM that afternoon. Sunday, May 20th - hours will be from 10AM to 2PM.

For more information, or if you have any questions regarding items to be donated, please call Jeanne DeSantis at 236-9052.

**TITHING REPORT**



As of this writing the tithing report is not available. We will mention it in next week's bulletin.

## 30TH ANNUAL UNICO ITALIAN FEAST

Sponsored by UNICO

On Saturday, April 14th, UNICO will once again sponsor their annual *St. Joseph's Day Italian Feast* at St. Mary's Parish Hall. Doors will open at 6:00PM and serving will begin at 6:30PM. Tickets are \$35.00 per person. For more information or to make reservations, please call Jo LoPiccolo at 917-657-8045.

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Sponsored by CIRCOLO CATTOLICO ITALIANO

On Saturday, April 21st, there will be a dinner at Anthony's Pier 9 in New Windsor. Sponsored by Circolo Cattolico Italiano, a Cocktail Hour will begin at 6:30PM followed by Dinner at 7:30PM. Featured will be dancing to the live music of *Pane e Cioccolato Band* with an Open Bar throughout the night. Tickets are \$75 per person.

For more information please call Jo LoPiccolo at 917-657-8045. Thank you.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### Upcoming Events:



### Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is now open.

All students who will be attending the program next year must be re-registered. You may register

your child during his/her class time or at the rectory during Religious Ed Office Hours ( 10AM – 3PM). Fees will remain the same - \$100 for one child; \$160 for two or more children.

## FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

On **Saturday, April 21st** the children who will be receiving First Eucharist will have their Retreat in the Parish Hall from 9am to Noon. Once again the children will be involved in activities that teach the importance of receiving our Lord each week at Mass as they live their faith. For example... The children are given a Rosary and are shown how to pray the rosary in devotion to our Lady; they also are given a craft activity – a “Bread of Life, Communion Craft Kit.”



Another activity will be the making of bread as they did for the Last Supper. Also, little packets of seeds will be distributed to plant. This symbolizes having the “faith of a mustard seed” which will grow into a beautiful plant (soul) when fed and nourished by our attendance at Mass and reception of the Eucharist. These are just a few of the enjoyable events. **All children are required to attend this retreat in preparation for reception of the Sacrament of First Eucharist.**

## EASTER EGG HUNT



This Sunday, April 8th, after the 11AM Mass, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for Children 12 and under on the Parish Hall Grounds. Sponsored by the Divine Mercy Group, we hope that parents will stop by with their children to participate in this activity. For more information please contact Jovita Kanz at

[friends06@icloud.com](mailto:friends06@icloud.com).

## TODAY'S GOSPEL MESSAGE

by Rev. William J. Reilly



Second Sunday of Easter  
or Sunday of Divine Mercy

**“In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey His commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith...Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’”**

One day a sign outside a church read ‘God gave us commandments, they are not suggestions.’ As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, we are well aware of the Lord’s desire to give us His peace, to offer us His mercy. There are two requirements for this to happen, 1. We ask for His gift of peace and pardon and 2. We acknowledge our dependence upon the Lord to be so blessed.

The ten commandments of Exodus were the requirement of the covenant. The great commandment of Jesus, love of God and neighbor allows me to focus more clearly on what I need to do. In both cases I must act. The question ‘how well am I doing?’ is answered when I look at the beatitudes of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount to discover that I am poor in spirit, meek, humble, working for justice, being a peacebuilder. Yes, love the children of God and keep His commandments.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS



## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter reminds the people that they allowed Jesus to be killed, and preferred to allow a murderer to be released. But God raised him from the dead as had been prophesied. Therefore, all people should believe and turn to God, that their sins might be forgiven.

### Second Reading: I John 2:1-5a

Jesus was offered up for the sins of the world. The only way to prove true faith in him, is to honor his commandments. Anyone who claims to believe, yet does not keep his word, does not truly believe.

### Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Jesus appeared to two disciples, though at first they feared he was a ghost. Jesus ate with them to prove he was not a ghost. He explained that he had fulfilled the prophets’ words about him. He also explained that in his name they must preach doing penance for the forgiveness of sins.

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