



Divine Mercy Sunday

April 16, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, April 15 ~ Vigil/Divine Mercy Sunday
5:30 PM Pamela Sibley
Sunday, April 16 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday
9:30 AM Janet Murphy, Rose Parisi
Monday, April 17
9:00 AM The People of the Parish
Wednesday, April 19
9:00 AM
Friday, April 21
9:00 AM
Saturday, April 22 ~ Vigil/Third Sunday of Easter
5:30 PM Dave Barbuti, Peggy Kennedy
Sunday, April 23 ~ Third Sunday of Easter
9:30 AM Janet Murphy

MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Saturday, April 22 ~ Vigil/Third Sunday of Easter
5:30 PM Joe Herschel
Sunday, April 23 ~ Third Sunday of Easter
9:30 AM John Drumm


EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday, April 22 ~ Vigil/Third Sunday of Easter
5:30 PM Jen Zupetz (a), Kathy Fayol (c)
Sunday, April 23 ~ Third Sunday of Easter
9:30 AM Ann Clouse (a), Lisa Dyer (c)

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE
Alexandria Baker-Bonitz (Navy) Dylan Bonitz (Navy)
Sarah Bowen (Navy) Juan Gonzalez (Navy)
Kaila McGowan (Marines) Anthony Pagano (Navy)
Joseph Ruize (Navy) Carissa Tironi (Army)
Elliott Weidel (Marines)

PRAY FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES
Gina Lempka, Rosemary Osborn, Regina Parthesius

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL
Marion Andersen, Pat Arlotta, Bridget Auer,
Joanne Bach, Rob Brosnan, Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke,
Barbara Ceriale, Brad Ceriale, Brian Cross, Nicole Dawson,
Anna DiMare, Marie DiMare, Maria Elena DiMare,
Tina DiMare, Mary Donnelly, Agnes Ferrone, Anna Gallo,
Joe Gallo, Lenore Giansante, Margaret Hale, Brandon Hriniaak,
Mike Hurd, Jon Miller, Rosemary Osborn, Julie Oparski,
Marianna Oparski,
Helen Ryan, Frances Salewski, Chris Strobl, Terry Waterson

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LOOKING AHEAD
Helping Hands Food Pantry
Every 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday by Appointment (9 AM start)
Tuesday, April 18
Religious Education Classes 6:30-7:30 PM
Fire Drill during the hour

Wednesday, April 19
Inaugural Meeting of OLA Women's Guild in the Parish Center at 12 Noon

Saturday, April 22
Spring Movie Night: "Oh, God!"
starring George Burns & John Denver
Immediately after Mass ~ Mexican Food supper, popcorn & beverage ~ Movie begins at 7:15 PM
Attendance limited to the first 40 who sign up.

Tuesday, April 25
Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM
Thursday, April 27
Confirmation Rehearsal at OLMC ~ 4:30 PM

Friday, April 28
Confirmation at OLMC ~ 5:00 PM

Tuesday, May 2
Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

Sunday, May 7
1st Holy Communion at 9:30 AM Mass
Finance Committee Meeting ~ 10:45 AM

THE WORD



Today's Scripture
Divine Mercy
Acts 2: 42-47
1 Pieter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Vocal Prayer
Recently, we heard how prayer begins with a disposition on our part to open our mind and heart to God. We start by seeking to come closer to God and to what God is telling us. Prayer, then, begins when we *decide* to pray. Once that decision is made, there are several ways to go forward. Prayer can be Vocal, Meditative, or Contemplative. Today we will look at Vocal Prayer.

This is the first way of praying that we learn whether from our family, the school, or in Religious Education classes. We begin with the basic familiar formulas: The Sign of the Cross, The Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be. These can be said by themselves at any time. The Carmelite Saint, Teresa of Jesus, (Teresa of Avila), taught that one could attain great profit simply by praying the Lord's Prayer slowly, reflecting on the meaning of each word and each phrase. Also, these prayers are wonderfully combined to make up the Rosary, another form of Vocal Prayer, as well as the many Novenas approved by the Church.

Still another form of vocal prayer would be just speaking directly and freely to God, as to a close friend. Sharing one's concerns, desires, longings, and hopes with the Lord helps to deepen our relationship with God. Think of the dairyman, Tevye, in the musical, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and how he spoke to God about his most intimate feelings.

Finally, one can ask the saints to pray for us. We often use a statue or image of the saint to help focus our thoughts and words as we ask that saint to join us in prayer, relying on their closeness to God.

Our Lady of the Assumption
WOMEN'S GUILD

On Wednesday, April 19, the *newly forming* WOMEN'S GUILD of Our Lady of the Assumption Church will hold their first gathering in the Parish Center. It will begin at 12 Noon and is open to women of all ages who wish to come together in Friendship and Christian Unity in support of our Parish. **Come share your thoughts and your energy!**

May His Soul Rest in Peace
Robert Wise
Brother of Stephen Wise & Brother-in-Law of Maria Wise
Entered into Rest 4-7-2023
The people of Our Lady of the Assumption will continue to Pray for Robert's soul and the solace of his family.

Mass Attendance/Collection
at Mass on April 8 & 9: **201**
Weekend's Collection: **\$6,377.00**

Welcome to our Church

At the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, the following young people were Baptized and received into the Church through Confirmation. They are the grandchildren of Robin & Alan Masiero.

Ariana Marie Rogers Luca Anthony Rogers
Derrick Gabriel Rivera Nicholas Louis Rogers

Elizabeth Klimczak
was received into the Church through the RCIA program at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.
We welcome these five parishioners and wish them God's continued blessings. We will pray for them!

Is God CALLING YOU? +

As you attend Mass, please take some time to see the many parishioners who assist our priests before, during, and after the Mass. Although a priest can do the Mass without others assisting, Liturgy (Mass) at O.L.A. is the work of the people in union with our priests.

In the weeks ahead, we will highlight each of these liturgical ministries. And all are invited to our Liturgical Ministry Fair after the Masses the weekend of June 3rd and June 4th. We hope that you begin to consider if you feel God may be calling you to serve in one of these ministries.

This week we will discuss:

Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick/Homebound
Communion for the Homebound
A Eucharistic Minister to the sick/homebound is privileged to bring the *real presence* of Christ Jesus to those who are unable to be with us at our celebration of the Eucharist. They also bring *their* presence and, in so doing, bring the *presence of our entire faith community*. They do this with acceptance and respect, confidentiality and, above all, compassion.

